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# Looking Back Forty-one Years in Local Labor Affairs

ON THE occasion of this Anniversary number there is presented below some matters of history in the first year of the publication of the Labor Clarion, which may prove of interest to both old and young in the local labor movement. It is that particular period which is treated upon, and without any attempt to review the earlier record of the organization of workers or labor publications in San Francisco and the State.

It may be stated briefly, however, that union organizations are known to have been in existence almost from the beginning of the "days of gold." A notice of meetings of the San Francisco Typographical Society appeared in local papers as early as June 24, 1850, and in July of 1850 the teamsters of San Francisco had organized an association. These are reported upon by Ira B. Cross in his "History of the Labor Movement in California."

#### Labor Council Is Fifty Years Old

There had been various central organizations in San Francisco over a span of years, but the "San Francisco Labor Council," under that name, and by which it has since been known, dates from February 4, 1893, titles used immediately prior thereto having been the Trades and Labor Council, also the Federated Trades Council. F. H. Saule of the Barbers' Union was the first president of the Council under the new title, and Miles L. Farland of the Typographical Union the first secretary.

Volume 1, No. 1 of the Labor Clarion, with Joseph J. O'Neill, as editor, was issued on February 28, 1902, and contained the minutes of the Labor Council meeting of February 21. President W. H. Goff (of Carpenters' Union No. 483) was in the chair, and Ed. Rosenberg (Sailors) was secretary. Under reports of unions it is noted that the Cooks and Waiters announced the Magnolia Restaurant, the Fifteenth Street Hotel and a restaurant at 11 Mason street were "still unfair;" Street Carmen were making good progress in organization; the Steam Fitters had only lost one man during their nine months' strike, and had a fine of \$5 on members purchasing overalls without the union label; Horseshoers extended an invitation to their ball on the following evening; Stablemen donated \$1000 to men on strike in the iron trades during the past nine months. The organizing committee reported having elected Tom Zant as its chairman.

#### Early Day Union Officials

Some of the union officials in San Francisco of that date whose names appeared in the columns from time to time were: Alex. Dijeau, of Milk Wagon Drivers No. 226; E. Corpe, of Garment Workers No. 131; Charles D. Laughlin, William T. Jefferson and G. G. Vickerson, Cooks and Waiters' Alliance; Hannah Maloney, "Steam" Laundry Workers; W. W. Copeland, Harry L. White and Frank Bonnington, Typographical; J. B. Reighley, Mailers; Fred Ewald, Stereotypers; D. T. Powers, Bookbinders; George Boisson, Printing Pressmen; George Hook, Brewery Workers; W. M. Page, Varnishers and Polishers; Isidor Jacoby, Cloak Makers; William P. McCabe, Iron Molders; J. Hardy, Picture Frame Workers; George W. Bishop, Shipwrights and Caulkers; Benjamin Rosenthal, Upholsterers; Thomas F. Finn and T. J. White, Stablemen; T. T. Riordan, Steam and Hot Water Fitters; Marcel Wille, Bakers. These names of course do not constitute a roster of that time, and in various instances came to notice through being signed to communications.

Serving on the board of directors of Musicians' Union No. 6 were: Messrs. M. Davis, Eisfeldt, Dewey, S. Davis, Keil, Bromberger, Dickman, Sichel, Tully, Roncovieri, Walsh, Schmitz, Garrod, Hyman, Abbiati and Schuppert.

#### Headquarters and Meeting Hall

As at the present time, the Labor Council then met on Friday evenings. Its sessions were held at Pioneer Hall, 24 Fourth street (now the site of the Santa Fe bus station), and its headquarters were in Room 406 of the Emma Spreckels building, 927 Market street. The list of unions of that date numbered some 130 or more, including those of the building trades. The great majority are still in existence.

Names of a few organizations which were listed at that time will not sound familiar to present Labor Council delegates, viz., Boxmakers, Broommakers, Brass Finishers, Carriage and Wagon Workers, Coremakers, Hackmen, Machine Hands, Picture Frame Workers, Porters and Packers, Rammer-

men, Paint Burners, Stablemen, Tanners (three unions), Vinegar and Purveyors, Wool Sorters and Graders. It should not be considered, however, that these organizations became lost to the labor movement, as many were merged with other and stronger organizations.

At that date the Allied Printing Trades Council listed 54 shops as entitled to use its union label. Headquarters of the Typographical Union were at 533 Kearny street.

The Steam Laundry Workers' Union secretary, Hannah Mahoney, in a signed article stated that a year previous, the employees in that industry decided to attempt betterment of their conditions—they were working twelve to sixteen hours a day—and at the first meeting thirty-six signed the roll, which number had been increased to 166 at the next meeting, and at the time the article was written a membership of 2000 was recorded, 75 per cent being women. The union had signed an agreement with the employers within two months after organization.

The Sailors Union of the Pacific was preparing to celebrate its birthday, March 6, with a parade, to be followed by a mass meeting in Metropolitan Temple.

#### Finns Were Under Russian Rule

News items stated that John Burns had introduced an old-age pension bill in the British Parliament for payment of 1/20 a week to those over 65 years of age; that the Finnish labor journal, the Workers' Federation, had been prohibited by the Russian censor, the word "Federation," and the motto of the paper, "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity," being objected to; that there was a bill in Congress to advance salaries of letter carriers in first-class offices from \$1000 to \$1200 a year.

The California State Federation of Labor was then a little over a year old, and also had its headquarters in the same building with the Labor Council. John Davidson of Vallejo, member of the Ship Joiners, was the president; Guy Lathrop of Carpenters No. 483, San Francisco, was secretary, and the first occupant of that office, but Davidson had been preceded in 1901 by Cecil D. Rogers of the Typographical Union in the presidency.

William E. Gladstone, the famed member of the British Parliament, and Prime Minister, was noted as saying: "Trade unions are the bulwarks of democracies," and *The Commoner* (William J. Bryan's paper) declared: "The judge who sent a striker to jail for asking a fellow laborer not to cut prices would hardly send to jail a manufacturer who asked another not to cut prices." And this one appears at the bottom of a column: "Can a man be a Christian on \$5 a week?" is a question asked of J. Keir Hardie, M.P., editor of the Glasgow *Labor Leader*. In answering it Mr. Hardie says: "If a Christian is one 'who takes no thought for the morrow, and who does not lay up for himself treasure upon earth,' it is obvious that not only can a man be a Christian on \$5 a week, but he could not possibly be anything else."

#### Some Incidents of a Year

Leaving the first issue of the Labor Clarion, and passing on to succeeding numbers throughout its first volume, the following will very briefly summarize a few of the items which were carried as having interest in the field of labor:

The National Civic Federation had been organized but a short time, and older members of the labor movement will recall that it had created wide discussion. It was composed of a cross-section of society in general—capital, labor, religion, education, philanthropy. It was to be a sort of clearing house for study and attempted settlement of broad questions in which the public welfare was believed to be involved, and some of the most prominent personages in the nation in various walks of life were members, including ex-President Grover Cleveland. For industrial subjects there had been created the Committee of Thirty-six. Considerable criticism from their own ranks was leveled at President Gompers and other figures in the labor movement for having become connected in any way with the civic body because of some of the so-called "capitalistic" representatives with whom they would be associated. Nevertheless the labor leaders stood up againsh the attacks of their more radical brothers and sisters and as best they could lent their aid toward establishing a voluntary method for adjustment of industrial disputes. In

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the course of time the organization dropped into obscurity. The Committee of Thirty-six was given credit in its early days of aiding in the settlement of the Iron Trades strike in San Francisco and the National Cash Register Strike. Walter Macarthur of San Francisco, then editor of the Coast Seamen's Journal, attended the first meeting of the Committee in New York City as a representative of labor.

The Labor Council minutes show that at that early date the Musicians were seeking legislation in Congress which would prevent enlisted men in the Army and Navy competing with civilians for employment. A bill also was before Congress to limit to eight hours per day all work on government contracts, and the Labor Clarion reproduced an editorial from the Examiner giving support to the measure.

#### Address by Father Yorke

The Rev. Peter C. Yorke was the principal speaker at a meeting held in Metropolitan Temple, on March 13, under auspices of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, his subject being "The Future of Unionism." The address was typical of the brilliant presentation of a subject for which Father Yorke was famed to the end of his life. In the course of this address he said:

"Except for the fact that we have every year to face a fresh crop of ignorance, it would be foolish to try to prove that labor unions are lawful and necessary. But somehow or another, generation after generation comes upon the scene of action, and you have to communicate the same knowledge to each one. You find that, though people may learn today that a labor union is lawful and unavoidable, and that the labor union is for the good of the people, you will have to take the sons of those people tomorrow and teach them the lesson over again."

The Laundry Workers reported to the Labor Council on April 4 that it had signed a new agreement with the employers which provided for exclusive employment of union members, the ten-hour day, an increase of wages in eleven departments, and that the membership of the union had reached the 2600 mark. The Cooks and Waiters reported a restaurant at 46 Geary street had been straightened out through effective aid of union men in the neighborhood, especially those of the printing trades. The Machinists were moving their headquarters to Sixth and Shipley streets, and the Teamsters announced that during their great strike of the preceding year the Laundry Drivers had contributed towards their funds a larger amount than any other organization. Sailors had signed with shipowners, the agreement regulating wages and hours and providing for exclusive employment of union members. The City Front Federation was giving a picnic, the proceeds of which would go to the widows and orphans of men who fell in the strike of 1901.

#### **Musicians Fought Dual Group**

On Saturday, April 19, at 6:30 p. m. the Street Carmen (then organized as Division 205) went on strike against the United Railroads of San Francisco, and won a signal victory within seven days. The Musicians announced that Paul Steindorff had accepted the directorship of the Golden Gate Park Band, and this incident will recall to San Franciscans of that day one who was to become among the best known figures in the musical life of the city, along with Alice Neilsen, Ferris Hartmann and others of "the old Tivoli." The Musicians also at this time were warning against the attempt by a dual organization—the Pacific Coast Musicians' Union—to invade their field. It was stated the dues books of the dual group had been printed in a non-union office and that its secretary had been forced out of the legitimate union for "scabbing" on the Stereotypers.

The Cooks and Waiters again acknowledged the aid of another organization, this time the Street Carmen, for having assisted them in unionizing nine restaurants. About this time also there had come to light evidence, which caused a complaint to be filed with the Post Office Department, relating to tampering with the mails by enemies of the Street Carmen during their then recent strike. It was averred that mail addressed to Richard Cornelius, official of the Carmen, had been taken from Station F and photographed for the purpose of ascertaining who was corresponding with Cornelius in his work of organization.

The Oregon State Federation of Labor was formed when 180 delegates representing an estimated 13,000 members met at Portland. In the early part of May the Irish Fair was being held at Mechanics' Pavilion, and one night had been set aside as "Union Labor Night."

In the same month, also, it was stated that "Professor Ernest M. Pease, of the Chair of Latin at the Stanford University, is the latest gentleman to suffer dismissal from that institution as a result of the controversy occa-

sioned by Professor Ross reading a very able paper before a body of workingmen on industrial economics about two years ago."

Support was being given by labor to the agitation for construction of warships in government yards. This was of interest to the Bay area because of the yard at Vallejo. A speech by Hon. Victor H. Metcalf of California, who later became Secretary of the Navy, was given prominent notice, and in which was submitted cost figures and other data comparative of the work in government and privately-owned yards. One comparison was between the *Monterey* and *Monadnock*, the former having been built at the Union Iron Works and the latter completed at the Mare Island Yard, although its construction had been started in a private yard.

#### Two Contests Won by Unions

The Stablemen reported to the Labor Council that only four stables south of Market street were non-union. The Bakers had won a fight against Ruediger & Loesch, this being a contest that had continued out of the Employers' Association anti-union campaign the previous year. A long dispute between the Musicians and the Techau Tavern ended favorably to the union. The Butchers announced they were steadily gaining ground, and were publishing a list of markets where their members were employed.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor in a communication to "All Wage Workers of America," recommended that at their public celebrations during the year the workers concentrate attention upon a discussion of the abolition of the injunction in wage disputes, and that they seek from Congress and the legislatures the enactment of laws conforming to that purpose. Members of the A.F.L. executive council were: President Samuel Gompers, Vice-Presidents James Duncan, John Mitchell, James O'Connell, Max Morris, Thomas I. Kidd, and D. A. Hayes; Treasurer John B. Lennon, and Secretary Frank Morrison.

In July, President Gompers, Vice-Presidents Duncan and Morris and Treasurer Lennon made their first visit to San Francisco in an official capacity. Members of the A.F.L. executive council had been visiting various cities throughout the country. Also, council members had been instructed by the Scranton convention of the A.F.L. to meet in this city to attend to certain differences then existent here. A committee of the Labor Council made arrangements for the officials' visit, which included a reception at the Grand Hotel, a general mass meeting to be addressed by the visitors, a mass meeting under auspices of the Iron Trades Council, the visitors' attendance at the Labor Council regular meeting, a banquet at Eintracht Hall, and a tour of the city—this program extending from Monday to the following Sunday. The general mass meeting was held at the Alhambra theater, with 5000 in attendance, and was presided over by Walter Macarthur of the Sailors. At the banquet the toastmaster was G. B. Benham, and in addition to the visitors, speakers were: Governor Gage, Mayor Schmitz, Andrew Furuseth, Mrs. Andrew Sorenson, P. H. McCarthy, W. D. Mahon, Rev. Frank K. Baker, John Davidson of the State Federation of Labor, Scott Anderson of the local District Council of Painters, and Rev. Peter C. Yorke.

#### **Council Election of Officers**

The election of Labor Council officers on July 25 resulted as follows: President, W. H. Goff; vice-president, W. M. Kessler; recording and corresponding secretary, Ed. Rosenberg; financial secretary, P. H. Coyle; treasurer, J. A. Johnston; sergeant-at-arms, F. Barnett; executive committee, G. B. Benham, M. J. Sullivan, M. W. Coffey, R. Speck, H. Marks, D. McLennan, R. Cornelius; organizing committee, T. E. Zant, Miss Lizzie Ryan, W. M. Kessler, R. J. Grimmer, H. L. Worthington, W. H. J. Deasy, J. Walsh, H. Gallagher, W. A. Lee; law and legislative committee, James Bowlan, J. K. Jones, Walter Macarthur, R. I. Wisler, J. W. Mayder; auditing committee, H. May, H. Clunie, Charles Schuppert.

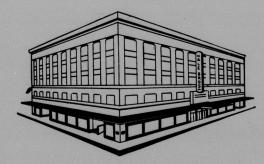
In August was commenced the great tanners' strike, which was to last for some time; also the Boxmakers' strike, in which a union victory was scored, and contributions were being made by local unions to the striking anthracite coal miners in the East. The headquarters of Garment Workers No. 131 were in St. Ann's building, Eddy and Powell streets, the hours were 1 to 3 p. m., telephone Black 5326, and Miss Sarah Hagan was the financial secretary and business agent, and A. L. Yeazell was president.

Russell I. Wisler was chairman of the 1902 Labor Day Committee and J. K. Jones secretary, other members being E. Schaerer, Bakers; George Hook, Brewery Workers; W. T. Colbert, Coopers: George Duffey, Porters and Packers; W. W. Copeland, Typographical; D. McLennan, Iron Trades; Miss L. Block, Garment Workers; Michael Casey, Teamsters, and W. H. Goff, president of the Labor Council. Michael Casey was a grand marshal of the parade, and his aides, in the respective divisions, were: Harry L. White, Printing Trades; James J. McDade, Iron Trades; John Bell, City Front Federation; E. Speck, Labor Council; George Shepston, Team Drivers; E. J. Brandon, Building Trades. Literary exercises were held in the afternoon and there was fireworks and dancing in the evening at the same place. M. W.

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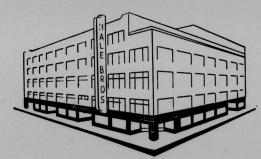
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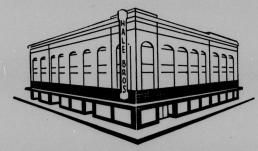
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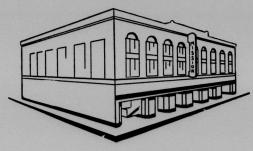
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# Labor Has Demonstrated Fully Its Willingness to Sacrifice

By EDWARD D. VANDELEUR, Secretary-Treasurer, California State Federation of Labor

In This New Year the full weight of our tremendous war effort which is being so strenuously prosecuted will begin to be felt to a degree not dreamed of by the average citizen. Serious and profound changes in our mode of life will be necessary, making the ones already experienced insignificant in comparison. That labor will feel the pressure more excruciatingly than any other section of the population goes without saying, and that is why it is important to size up what we have gone through and use this knowledge as a guide from which to assay perspectives for the future.

Even the most unkind critics of labor have to admit that the role it has played and is playing in our present emergency is one worthy of the highest praise, as well as indispensable to its success. Labor attained this record because it wanted to. There was no element of compulsion involved. Of its own volition, the army of production went to work because of its instinctive and bitter hatred of naziism and its implicit faith in the democracy which has made it possible for labor to preserve its dignity as well as to achieve the gains which have meant so much to those who work for a living.

#### Free Men vs. Slave Labor

Out of all of this has come one evident truth, whose significance cannot be too greatly stressed and whose effectiveness cannot any longer be denied even by the most abject apologists for totalitarianism: Free labor in a democracy can out-produce slave labor in a dictatorship even though the former's wages are incomparably higher and its conditions of employment and living superior to the same degree. This is a fact. And for the people who are deadly opposed to naziism it is a consoling fact, as it is a source of inspiration and an incentive to fight harder to protect, not an empty slogan but their own equity in a system which has given them an opportunity to strive for the best in life.

Labor has managed to achieve its magnificent record of its own free will, and in spite of the provocations of small minds and narrowly selfish antilabor interests who would dare to upset this prerequisite for victory by introducing compulsory measures that would only antagonize labor, and who by advocating the taking away from labor its basic rights, seek to take away from labor the very stimulus which has made of it the most powerful bulwark against fascism. Without these rights, what would labor have to fight for? The goal is greater democracy, and the even greater leveling of all inequalities in society.

#### Hard-Won Rights Relinquished

Setting aside its own material interests, labor has demonstrated an unrivaled ability to sacrifice. Voluntarily it has relinquished privileges which were very precious. Just to mention a few: Labor gave up contractual rights won from employers involving overtime pay considerations; disciplined its own members to control absenteeism; made constructive suggestions to management for increased production through its labor-management committees; was the first to agitate against the alarming and criminal toll of lives from industrial accidents; and exerted its full strength to promote greater production in every conceivable way. In addition to these invaluable contributions, labor has given its most useful and active members to the armed

forces, and its blood to the blood banks with uninhibited freedom, just as it has poured its hard-earned dollars into the various charities and the purchase of War Bonds.

Not once but upon a number of occasions labor has taken the initiative in offering the olive branch to the employers for the duration on any basis as long as it was honorable. The latest example of this commendable attitude has been the truce, originated some time ago, proposed by the California State Federation of Labor to the employers' organizations to eliminate all ignominious legislation which would disturb the morale of the people in California and thereby interfere with the war effort. The success of this policy now depends on what the employers' representatives do in Sacramento. It is to be hoped that they will co-operate.

#### **Combatting Hostile Forces**

Could anyone be otherwise than elated over the role of labor? Of course not, providing they know the facts! But too often labor's position has not been fairly stated to the public by the established press and, in fact, been grossly and inexcusably distorted to public view. For this reason, if for no other, labor must learn to appreciate its own press regardless of how small it may be and how limited its features. To overcome such drawbacks it will be necessary for members of the organized labor movement to give even greater support to the labor press so that messages of this kind can be given to millions of readers instead of to a few thousands.

It is time that a larger number in the ranks of organized labor awaken to this fact, which has been overlooked by many unions and their individual members, because it seemed so simple. They should support the established labor press—in a substantial way—and thus enable it to develop and expand in its field. The California State Federation of Labor here gratefully acknowledges the valuable assistance it has received from the labor press of the State in presenting to its readers the messages and news items of the Federation.

#### The Immediate Period Ahead

In the immediate period ahead of us labor will be asked to give up more, and to work harder. Growing demands of our war effort will test the loyalty of all citizens as it has never been tested before. Labor must be ready at all times to continue its unexcelled record. But this does not mean that labor will relinquish its basic rights and offer itself as a punching bag to the growing tendency of naziism that is being evidenced by certain rabid labor-haters.

Labor is out to win this war because it is free labor. This prerogative of freedom is part of our democracy. Without it, the whole war would be meaningless. Let this be a reminder to those who may not be fighting for the same freedoms which labor so dearly cherishes. As far as labor is concerned, nothing in the world will stop it from helping to win this war. It is geared to give everything it is capable of giving in order to bring victory in the shortest space of time.

The California State Federation of Labor salutes its members and all the other members of labor in this noble undertaking of free men.

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Coffey of the Hackmen was floor manager, and one of the members of the floor committee was Thomas Dulleghan of the Iron Trades, who yet survives, and who likewise was on the arrangements committee of the Iron Trades Council for its picnic that year.

#### Waiters Gain Day of Rest

Through an agreement finally reached with the restaurant owners the long fight of the Waiters for one day off during each week had been finally won. The Labor Council indorsed an ordinance pending before the Board of Supervisors providing for safety measures for Electrical Workers (Linemen) in stringing wires and working upon light poles.

An article reprinted from the *Locomotive Firemen's Magazine* pointed out the significance for the future in the fact that Oliver Wendell Holmes had recently been appointed to the U. S. Supreme Court, and quoted from a dissenting opinion that Justice Holmes had rendered while a member of the Massachusetts court in a case involving picketing.

At the end of December both the Stereotypers and Milk Wagon Drivers unions were among those which entertained at high jinks, Fred Ewald acting

as master of ceremonies for the former and Joseph O'Day for the latter, and Mailers No. 18 were preparing for a grand ball at Union Square Hall, 421 Post street. A brief strike of Bookbinders ended with an agreement to arbitrate. Michael Casey was elected president of Teamsters No. 85 and John McLaughlin business agent. The Barbers elected Paul C. Hammond president, and Bartenders No. 41 named H. F. McGuen for the same position in that union.

#### **Convention of Unions Called**

A convention called by the Labor Council for the purpose of bringing about affiliation of all unions with the Council was held in the Pioneer building on Fourth street. The credentials committee report showed 155 delegates were entitled to seats in the gathering. Michael Casey was elected temporary chairman and Edward J. Brandon, temporary secretary, there having been a contest for both positions. The sessions of this convention continued from time to time and past the closing number of the first volume of the LABOR CLARION.

Among those contributing special articles from time to time were Lucille Eaves, J. K. Jones, and "Notes from the Quad Box" by Will J. French (later to become editor of the paper)—names which will be readily recalled by those connected with the local labor movement at the beginning of the century.

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"We pledge that the trade unions affiliated with the A.F.L. will do everything in their power to fulfill and even exceed America's war production goals for 1943," the council said.

Drafting of labor and other compulsory measures were blasted by the council, which declared that there were those "who have no faith in the processes of democracy" and added:

"These are the first to demand that we discard the voluntary methods which bring results in a democracy and urge the substitution of force and compulsion and regimentation. These are the voices that call loudest for drafting labor and freezing all labor conditions and other dangerous experi-

ments—dangerous to the war effort and dangerous to basic American freedom.

"Labor sees no justification for such misadventures into the unexplored fields of desperation.

"After all, it is the men and women of labor who will be called upon to do the work. They are not frightened or intimidated by the bigness of the job that has to be done. They say, 'Give us the tools, give us the materials, and we'll deliver the goods.'"

The executive council said that since Pearl Harbor labor-management relations had improved considerably.

"Progress has been achieved because both sides have beene willing to put aside their own selfish interests and to unite on a single objective of turning out more and more goods," it was asserted.

Labor's no-strike record in 1942 was declared to be "remarkable" and time lost due to lockouts and strikes was reduced "to a tiny fraction of time worked."

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#### Progress in Price Control Administration

By HARRY F. CAMP, Regional Administrator of the Office of Price Administration

FEDERAL programs governing cost-of-living, rent control and rationing have now been developed to the point where their acceptance by the people as a part of the strategy of war is a matter of course. This condition indicates the progress that has been made by the Office of Price Administration since its creation just a few short months ago.

A year ago we were reluctant to plead too insistently for the public's support of these war measures. We took this position, believing that the public first should be convinced that O.P.A. regulations could be made to work for its benefit.

Once that has been proved, as today it is, we feel confident these regulative measures, with all their attendant petty inconveniences and minor sacrifices, will be given the moral support of the great majority.

We now are convinced the price control and rationing thus far, while facing the criticisms of individuals and groups pinched economically by its regulations, has done an effective job.

#### Mistakes Have Been Made

There were mistakes, and there will be more. But considering that no one in America had had previous experience in this war-created job, greatly expanded after Pearl Harbor, we feel O.P.A.'s objectives and operations have been justified.

Certainly, facts prove that the program is well on its way to successfully accomplish that for which it was created—to prevent an intolerable siege of runaway inflation. In this regard, we point specifically to what has been accomplished by price control, rent control and rationing:

Statistics reveal that rents—representing 20 per cent of the average family budget—are under control in defense-rental areas of America. By this, we mean that rents today are within a fraction of a point of what they were on the "freezing" dates. With the continued support of the great majority of landlords and tenants they will remain under control for the duration. Rent control, and nothing else, has accomplished this major achievement.

Food costs have risen, there is no doubt. But let us point out that the great percentage of increase is due to prices of food not controlled by O.P.A. During the seven-month period, May 1942 to November 1942, cost of foods (Continued on Next Page)



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On the other hand, the last year has seen prices of uncontrolled commodities and services rise 25, 50 and even 100 per cent.

It does not require the talents of economic experts to visualize what our working people would be paying for ordinary necessities today if prices of basic commodities were not controlled. Most families just wouldn't have the money, even with increased revenues, to buy the very necessities of life.

#### **Need for Rationing Recognized**

About rationing—we feel certain that wholesalers, retailers and consumers, alike, now realize the necessity and fairness of rationing.

The excitement and furore over sugar and coffee shortages represent graphic reasons for rationing. Once these commodities were rationed at consumer level, confusion, scarcity and hoarding stopped almost overnight. The ration programs soon to be instituted will, we feel certain, solve to a very definite extent the acute shortages of other commodities. They will not, of course, provide an abundance of everything for everybody, but they definitely will guarantee a fair and equal share of our available supplies to every person, rich or poor.

The writer confidently looks forward to an increased support of O.P.A. operations from the public. Americans are quick to criticize the quarterback who drops the ball occasionally or calls the wrong signal. But so long as the squad keeps making some headway toward the enemy's goal-line, they are satisfied.

This program (which certainly never was conceived to make friends for those charged with its administration) has made headway—tangible progress, which will be increasingly apparent as our citizens gradually sense that rationing is a part of the strategy of war and that this country, at least, is destined to escape the cruel aftermath: devastating inflation.

#### IDENTIFYING A ROOKIE'S AILMENT

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# The Business Agent Is Human—But Note His "Business"

A. F. LOCKHART, in "Minneapolis Union Advocate"

THERE isn't a more abused, a more misunderstood or undervalued mortal under the sun than the average business representative of an average trade union. Nor is there anyone this side of the pearly gates more deserving of the pearly gates when his time comes to die than the average business agent.

A business agent is a human being but no one seems to think so. For example: After putting in a long day at the office he isn't supposed to go to a show, to a party or to his lodge, for the simple reason that some member may want to call him up and if he is out of the house he can't be called.

And what do people call a business agent about? Well, a B. A. is supposed to know everything. He is supposed to be able to do anything and everything. He is supposed to be able to create jobs where there are no jobs. He is supposed to know about every job and every project not only within the local jurisdiction but in Iceland, Greenland, Jamaica, Alaska, Canada, Iran, Dakar, the Canal Zone, Pearl Harbor, New Brighton, Rosemount, Portage, Baraboo, Rapid City, Hollywood and God only knows where not. A business agent is supposed to be able to just reach up in the air and pluck out a job that is hand-tailored for the guy who is out of a job.

#### He Also Is Supposed to . . . .

Yea, varily, a business agent is a man of parts, a genius and a bum all rolled in one. He is supposed to carry on a constant agitation for a shorter work-week, more pay, time-and-a-half for overtime and double time for holidays; but he works from twelve to eighteen hours a day, his telephone is always busy and if he doesn't show up at the office before 8:30 there are those willing to have him burned in crude oil for trying to act like a banker.

And talking of bankers, a B. A. is supposed to be able to hand out a dime or two bits every time a moocher flashes a union card on him; he is supposed to dig down in his jeans for a couple of bucks every time a fellow unionist is short; he has to dig up to buy flowers for someone he never heard of, and if he doesn't kick in he is tagged as one of those cold-blooded gawks who live off the labor movement, one of those per capita leeches who are sucking the life blood of their fellows and never giving anything in return!

A good business agent is supposed to be able to settle any dispute and all disputes, and no matter how many he does settle someone is always dis-

satisfied with the way he did the job. He is supposed to be able to out-talk a Philadelphia lawyer, and if he can't there are always a half dozen or more in his union who know damn well that they could do that job without batting an eye. He is supposed to be able to write a contract that will give the employees everything and the bosses nothing. He has to be able to argue classifications, the complicated language of the W.P.B., the O.P.A., the C.C.C., the W.L.B., the N.L.R.B., the U. S. Supreme Court and the jibberish of Leon Henderson on a bicycle. He has to know all about base rates, depreciation, capital investment, Vitamin B-1 and how to make out an income tax that even Henry Morgenthau doesn't understand.

#### A Few of the "Minor" Duties

And that isn't all. A good business representative should be able to settle domestic quarrels that the Court of Good Will and Mr. Anthony would duck in abject fear. He has to be able to explain how one woman's husband is able to get a job while that particular man's brother-in-law can't buy, steal, beg or inherit a job. He has to know all the answers and if he doesn't, God 'elp 'im! He has to be able to get a B or a C card for any duffer who insists that he can't ride the streetcars because they make him seasick. He has to square things with the tire rationing board, the draft board, the sugar rationing board, the board of health and the welfare board. He has to have a stand-in with the members of the city council, with the county commissioners, with the governor and all the other politicians. He has to get into a campaign to knock hell out of some candidate, and then if that candidate happens to be elected the B. A. is supposed to go around and square things for the union that went on record demanding the candidate's defeat.

A business agent is supposed to be just a human being—and that's all he is—but he is also supposed to be endowed with a sixth sense that permits him to tell off hand just how long a job will last, what is the railway fare to Great Lakes Station, how cold it gets in Newfoundland, whether the Alaskan mosquitoes are poisonous, how much it will cost for room and board in Anchorage, and the current values of Cities Service stock. He must know which is the best doctor to go to when you are sick and how those

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mutual hospitalization systems operate. He has to visit the sick, attend funerals, pass the hat to buy tools for some fellow who lost his in a crap game, act as co-signor on small loans, furnish bail for members unfortunate enough to get into the toils of the law, arrange for legal assistance, and attend all dances, bazaars, raffles, shindigs, wakes and reunions. He is supposed to buy tickets on every jackpot, alibi for members who lie to their wives about the time the union adjourned, help make out questionnaires for fellows who don't know what it is all about, get free publicity for the union, get passes to the ball games for certain people and make deals for a special price on beer for the annual party.

#### If He Does, If He Doesn't

He must have a smile for everyone, and a constant curb on his temper. He must be in a dozen different places at once, and at the same time never get more than three jumps away from the telephone. He must be temperate but at he same time be willing to buy the drinks for the crowd. He must be a hale good fellow at all times, and, if he is, there are those who are willing to say he is putting on the act. If he dresses well he is under suspicion of getting side money; if he wears old clothes, he's a bum. If he goes to church he's a hypocrite; if he doesn't go to church he's indifferent, irreligious and perhaps a scoffer. If he contributes to a religious organization, it is because he is looking for publicity; if he doesn't contribute he's a tightwad, a cheap skate, or what have you?

Of course, almost anyone can qualify for the job of a union business representative provided he has the patience of Job, the fortitude of a Christian martyr, the courage of a Viking, and a sense of tolerance that would glorify a saint. Plus these common faculties he must have a gentleness of spirit that permits him to forgive those who would crucify him on a cross of selfishness, a willingness to learn something new each day, the grace to judge all men by the standards laid down in the Sermon on the Mount—and an everabiding sense of humor that doesn't know one day from another.

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# Booklet Records Achievements of Negroes in United States

THE Office of War Information recently began distribution of 2,000,000 copies of a booklet issued, it was announced, "to record the achievements of Negro Americans in many fields and to recognize officially their important contributions to the fighting of the war." The six-page preface is written by Chandler Owen, Negro publicist, and a resident of Chicago, who in referring to the fact that "some Negro Americans say that it makes no difference who wins the war—they say that things could not be any worse under Hitler," declared that he wanted "to set down just what stake the Negro has in America—just what he has to lose under Hitler."

While the necessity for the issuance of such a publication is open to doubt, notwithstanding the stated reasons as above given, it is hoped it will serve a beneficial purpose consistent with the cost of preparation and production it entailed and the existing shortage of manpower in what to the uninitiated would seem to be more urgent fields.

#### Faithfulness Is Well Done

Few people, we are constrained to believe, having an acquaintance with Negroes, had or have any doubt that, taken as a whole, there was any reason to question their loyalty or that they need any singling out at this time for such attention in comparison with other races or groups that make up the nation's population. Their faithfulness has been tested—from the days long prior to "Uncle Tom" down to Robert H. Brooks of Sadieville, Kentucky, son of a Negro sharecropper, who is stated in the booklet to have been the first war casualty of the U. S. armed forces when he was killed in the Philippines on December 8, 1941.

If the proper authorities are in possession of any authoritative information that individuals or groups among Negroes are disloyal or engaged in disloyal activities they should not hesitate to slap them down in the same emphatic manner that they should deal with any other group—provided the "disloyalty" is properly shown, its existence not imaginative, and that its punishment is not used as suppressive of legitimate rights or to serve a sinister or revengeful purpose. And besides, one may question whether disloyalty can be halted by emanations from the Government Printing Office, the monster fleet of mimeograph machines or the embattled publicity agents of the Washington departments.

#### **An Attractive Publication**

However, it can be said that the booklet, "Negroes and the War," is well prepared, attractive and informative. It consists of 72 pages, 13x10 inches, done in rotogravure, and combines text with 141 photographs. It will be distributed through various channels—churches, schools, unions, professional groups. By word and picture it tells of what Negroes are doing in agriculture, industry and in the armed forces; what they have to gain by an American victory in the war, and what they have to lose if the Axis wins. From it the following figures on the progress made in this country by that unfortunate race of people are taken:

#### Statistical Information Presented

In 1890 there were 12,159 Negro clergymen in the United States; in 1930 there were 25,034. In 1890 there were 15,008 Negro teachers; in 1930 there were 54,439. For the same period the increases among Negro practitioners in other professions were: Physicians and surgeons, from 208 to 3805; dentists, from 120 to 1773; lawyers, justices and judges, from 431 to 1247.

There are 683,327 Negro farm operators in the United States, with 95

# I'm only a Private in the Battle of Transportation



But it's a mighty important battle, for our Armed Forces and war workers need and must have more and more transportation. At the same time a lotta other folks want to ride with us, too.

It's tough for both us and our passengers, especially as plenty of my buddies are now servin' our country, drivin' tanks, trucks, jeeps an' airplanes. Equipment is limited, too, even though we've dug up everything that will roll.

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Negroes own church property valued at nearly two hundred million dollars.

There are more than sixty secret and fraternal organizations of national membership among Negroes in the United States. These secret societies are divided into two classes: The old-established ones such as the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Elks, and the benevolent secret societies such as the True Reformers, the Grand United Order of Galilean Fishermen, and the National Order of Mosaic Templars.

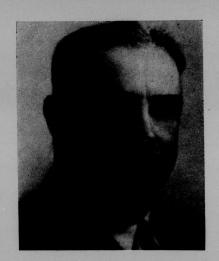
#### In the Field of Education

There are approximately 100 universities and colleges devoted exclusively to Negro education in this country. And Negro boys and girls in the North attend state universities and such institutions as Harvard, Yale, Columbia and Cornell. In 1916 there were 1643 students in Negro colleges. By 1941 the number had grown to 40,000. During a 25-year period the number of Negro colleges increased some 2400 per cent.

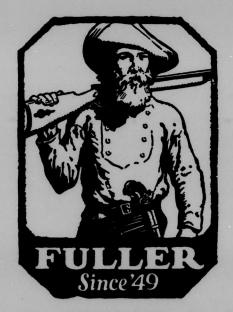
Among Negroes now presiding over court are: Charles E. Toney and James S. Watson of the New York Municipal Court; Herman E. Moore of the U. S. District Court in the Virgin Islands; Myles Paige of the Court of Special Sessions in Brooklyn; Jane Bolin, the nation's only colored woman judge, who presides over a domestic relations court in New York; Edward Henry of the Philadelphia Municipal Court; Armand Scott of the District of Columbia Municipal Court. William H. Hastie, now civilian aide to the Secretary of War, presides as dean over the law school at Howard University in Washington.

In the field of music and art are mentioned the Negro vocalists, Marian Anderson, Dorothy Maynor, Paul Robeson, and Roland Hayes; the compositions of Still, Burleigh, Dett, Handy and Boatner, the gay rhythms of Ellington, Calloway, Waller, Count Basie, and "the clatter of Bill Robinson's dancing feet;" the drawings and paintings of E. Simms Campbell, Aaron Douglas, Sam Brown, Jacob Lawrence and Hale Woodruff; the sculpture of

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#### Achievements of Negroes in the United States

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Richard Barthe and Sargent Johnson; in literature "the books of all Negro writers from Phyllis Wheatley to Richard Wright," and including also Jessie Fauset, Lora Neale Hurston, James Weldon Johnson, Langston Hughes, and Countee Cullen.

In the roll of prominent Negro journalists are named: The Murphy brothers of the Baltimore Afro-American; P. B. Young, Norfolk Journal and Guide; Ira Lewis, Mrs. Robert L. Vann, P. L. Prattis, George S. Schuyler and J. A. Rogers of the Pittsburgh Courier; Mrs. R. S. Abbott, John Sengstacke and Lucius Harper, Chicago Defender; Chester Franklin, Kansas City Call; Mrs. Charlotte A. Bass, California Eagle; E. Washington Rhodes, Philadelphia Tribune; P. M. H. Savory and C. B. Powell, New York Amsterdam Star-News; Rev. A. Clayton Powell, People's Voice; Roy Wilkins, Crisis.

There are more than 200 Negro newspapers in the United States, and they represent an investment of \$4,000,000 in buildings and equipment.

#### **Employed in War Industries**

Thousands of Negroes are now employed in the factories and plants which are producing war materials. One factory making parachutes is owned by Eddie Anderson, Negro radio star, better known as "Rochester."

In the seventeen Southern States during the year 1915 only 58 per cent of the Negro children between 6 and 14 years of age were enrolled in school. By the school-year 1939-40, some 85.9 per cent of the children between 5 and 17—a much wider range—were regularly in attendance. There were 2,174,260 in elementary schools and 254,580 in high schools. The number in high school has more than doubled in ten years.

#### **School Attendance Increases**

Ten years ago only 26.6 per cent of Negro children went beyond the fourth grade. Now that figure has been raised to 37.5 per cent. They also attended school more days a year, the average having increased in ten years from 97 days to 126 days. There is also increasing care for the very young, which brings down disease and mortality rates.

Once a farm people, there are now 6,450,000 Negroes living in cities. In New York alone there are 470,000, and 280,000 live in Chicago, 250,000 in Philadelphia, 190,000 in Washington, 165,000 in Baltimore.

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#### Camoufleurs Must Learn New Technique

HEN the airplane became the vital factor in modern warfare, the engineer and architect took the place of the artist as "camoufleurs" and the entire art of camouflage had to be set up on new lines.

Prof. Warren C. Perry, chairman of the architecture department of the University of California at Berkeley, in making this observation explained that while in World War I objects had been painted to confuse men shooting along the ground, bright splotches of paint made little or no difference to an aviator several thousand feet up in the air.

"The 'camoufleurs,' as they are beginning to be called, must now be adept at setting up such contrivances as huge wire nets spread over with substances to make them look like trees," Professor Perry pointed out. "A painted shadow will obviously look screwy when the sun is in the wrong position, but if you can build an object that looks like a tree, it will cast a tree's shadow." He said few of the principles for camouflage evolved in the last war are now valid, and that technique for this one is still in experimental stages.

#### **GOVERNMENT WAR EXPENDITURES**

Government expenditures for war purposes during November amounted to twice the total value of all the passenger cars and motor trucks produced in the United States in 1940

#### EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN IN INDUSTRY

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# There Are Many Ways of Aiding in Work of Red Cross

By A. L. SCHAFER, Pacific Area Manager, American Red Cross

THERE are more ways of killing a cat than by choking it with hot butter—so the saying goes—and there are more ways of doing your bit for such an organization, say, as the Red Cross, than by slapping down cash on the barrelhead.

It's only a month away—the 1943 Red Cross War Fund drive—but this story is to point out to you how many other ways there are of helping the other fellow through the Red Cross than just giving some of the stuff which Bob Hope calls "laughing lettuce."

Of course, money is fine—it's necessary to run the world's largest job of organized mercy. But that, right now, is not the problem. The American people, and that means all of organized labor, have never let the Red Cross down.

#### **Three Million Volunteer Workers**

The point is, somebody does a lot of work for the Red Cross. In fact there are almost three million somebodies—volunteers—doing the jobs which you hear of as a part of Red Cross service somewhere in the world. There are 300 volunteers to every paid worker, and if you say they are just a lot of society people who like to wear uniforms and get their names in the papers, you will sure make a great number of strong union men and women mad!

Reports from Red Cross chapters indicate that where unions are a part of a community, they are active in Red Cross work. Unions are represented in the leadership of almost all chapters, from the chapter chairman, for instance, in Fillmore, Utah, to the Home Service, Camp and Hospital Service and Speakers Bureau committees in Anacortes, Washington, to the auxiliary in Los Angeles operating its own production room to make surgical dressings and garments. That's representation. The Red Cross wants more of it, and still more.

Perhaps you have heard of the enormous salaries paid Red Cross workers—how the president of the American Red Cross for instance makes \$75,000 a year. He certainly does—and has since 1932—as President of the United States! Stories of other salaries are equally false and exaggerated. You may see a list of all Red Cross finances and salaries in any chapter office. It is an annual report to the people, audited by the War Department.

Because of the enormous expansion of its wartime activities, the Red Cross is sometimes referred to as "Big Business." Actually it is just the opposite. It is "Small Business"—small personal groups welded together into a great voluntary humanitarian organization.

Furnishing 90 per cent of the surgical dressings needed by our armed forces—that means millions of them—sounds like Big Business, doesn't it? No, it's just a fine big total—the output of countless small Red Cross businesses. There are 3700 chapters in the United States. They have almost ten thousand branches. Every crossroads, every village and hamlet, every town and city has them. Groups of men and women who have felt the urge to expend the fullness of their hearts, their patriotism, in earnest work—these are the backbone of small Red Cross business.

Every single article made or service rendered represents a personal voluntary effort on the part of someone who wanted to do his or her bit. That is why we dislike the impersonality of the term "Big Business" when applied to the Red Cross. At the other end, a shipwrecked merchant mariner is dragged from the sea, half drowned, his clothes shredded, covered with oil and dirt. Red Cross food, clothing and messages home await him. His almost embarrassing thanks are not to "Big Business," but to the "little Red Cross lady" who had packed the kit-bag with such care, who furnished him clothes and who wired his wife that he was safe.

#### The Opportunity of Labor

Labor's opportunity to aid in Red Cross work, you see, is through direct participation in activities carried on by chapters and branches in every city and town. There are practical benefits to the worker in addition to the self-satisfaction of an important job well done. The worker learns new skills which are useful in his daily life. Millions of first-aiders and home nursing graduates and nurse's aides testify that you don't have to be stricken by disaster to benefit from Red Cross work.

Look at home nursing for a moment, which has a direct meaning to the war effort and to your own home. When communities and hospitals send their nurses and doctors to the front, then health and well being must suffer

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at home unless wives and daughters prepare themselves to recognize illness and to care for sick persons. A working day lost is paid for not only out of the pocket of the worker, but the lives of fighting men. A home nursing graduate in every home is the goal of the Red Cross.

In the very same way the training of nurse's aides affects the war effort and individual lives. Trained to assist nurses in hospitals, clinics, health centers and to be on call for disaster duty, about four of these volunteer women release one professional nurse for service with the armed forces.

Training in first aid has been shown to make a man safer on the job. Free courses in every chapter in standard, advanced and instructors' first aid make a person more conscious of safety principles. He knows what to do in case of accident, but even better, he is alert to prevent accidents.

Knowing something about foods, their preparation and how to feed a family correctly may seem a difficult family problem in wartime, and we see daily that it has a close relation to the war effort and high production. Good nutrition helps eliminate sickness, loss of time and poor work. The Red Cross nutrition course, always kept up-to-date, teaches housewives how to feed a family well during rationing. Designed to fit every pocketbook, it stresses, for instance, nutritious meat substitutes and "extenders," the importance of balanced lunch-boxes for workers and school children, how to have variety and stay within your budget.

Men and women of organized labor have already been large contributors of blood to save the lives of men on the battlefield. Giving a pint of blood has been compared—in time, in pain, in after-effects—to getting a haircut. More and more persons must help with this job if our men are to come back not only with victory but with their lives. No one can give a pint of blood for you—it's your own job!

Parts of the widespread Red Cross program offer services to the public—to you—while others are services you can render the Red Cross, or rather, services you can render someone else *through* the Red Cross. Any chapter office will tell you how you may help best in the job to be done.

The American Red Cross has been called the People's Red Cross, but only the people can make it so!

#### Swedish Catholics Join in Protest

Bishop Johannes Mueller, Vicar Apostolic of Sweden, with residence in Stockholm, has sent a letter in the name of all Swedish Catholics to the Archbishop of the Swedish State (Protestant) Church, Erling Eiden, indorsing the protest made by the Swedish bishops against racial persecution in Norway. The Catholic Archbishop's letter, reported in a Swedish-language broadcast, said:

"With my whole heart, I agree with the true current and the invariably true Christian thought in the Advent message which the Swedish Episcopate issued to all of the Christians in Sweden.

"In the name of all Swedish Catholics I express our innermost and deepest sympathy with all of those who in our day are innocently persecuted and indiscriminately suppressed.

"It fills our hearts with bitter pain and constant trembling to know that in Europe, which was and still should be a Christian part of the world, thousands of people are persecuted, tormented or killed, or are mercilessly driven from home and homeland to be thrust into exile and misery because of race or because they have defended the freedom of their country and their ancient rights inhrited from their forefathers."

The Protestant bishops of Sweden made a formal protest, the latter part of last year, against persecution of the Jews in Norway.

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#### Forty-second Anniversary

WITH this issue the Labor Clarion enters upon its forty-second year of publication, and for the anniversary presents this enlarged edition, which is made possible through the patronage of the business firms whose advertisements appear in the pages, and to whom appreciation hereby is extended. At the same time, like expression is extended to every organization and individual whose name is on the paper's subscription list—many of them of so long standing—and to the advertisers in the week-to-week editions throughout the year who have consistently favored this publication with their patronage.

All of those mentioned evidence, in a substantial and practical way, their interest in the union labor movement of San Francisco in particular, and in general throughout the nation; for as the organization of workers is nation-wide, even international, in scope, support given to any one legitimate phase or activity of the movement at any place or time is in aid to the movement as a whole and to the basic principles for which it stands.

Those principles are embodied in the opening sentence of our nation's Declaration, that all men are created free and equal and are endowed with certain inalienable rights. American labor built its house on that foundation.

As when the streams of false and antagonistic governmental doctrines have beaten against the nation's house and could not shake it, so has labor's house stood equally firm, because it was founded on a rock.

Neither the principles of the American nation nor those of American labor were new in themselves. They had been advocated and visioned, in various forms, in many lands long prior to their adoption here. But attainment toward the goal has been with longer stride and more enduring results in our own land than in that of any other.

But as the mere assertion of principles in the Declaration was not all-sufficient, and required more mundane and practical application toward the everyday affairs and detail of government, and those of the people under it, so has it proven necessary for the labor movement to put on its working clothes and delve into the necessities of the welfare of its membership as they were revealed from day to day. The membership of that movement made known at every proper opportunity that men had certain inalienable rights, and it proceeded to act under those rights. And this action was taken under a system of government that time has proven to be the most favorable for exercise of those rights that the world has ever known. The attainments of the workers in our nation—their living standards and the opportunities they enjoy—compared with those of any other country is sufficient evidence. And the labor movement has led the way, borne the brunt of battle and made the sacrifices that brought benefits to the unorganized worker as well as to its own membership.

True, storms have beaten upon labor's house—are beating now, and more will come—right in the boundaries of this land of proclaimed freedom and inalienable rights. Nevertheless, labor has guarded its own freedom, and that of all the people, when the winds and rains were at their highest. It is doing so at this very hour—against the foes from without, and those from within who innocently or designedly would shackle their own defenders.

The protection of freedom—political, religious and economic—is of vital concern to the labor movement. Should that freedom unfortunately be lost to our own favored land, through machination or disaster, it will have been accomplished by those who trampled upon the principles, and protestations, of the labor movement. Still, however, labor would keep the lamp of freedom burning, even in hidden places if need be, until the time came to carry it forth to rally again the people of a nation who had bartered their birthright.

#### Oh, Johnny, Oh . . . . !

By CARLISLE BARGERON, Washington (D. C.) Correspondent, Magazine Writer and Author

WE KNOW Johnny Green, head of the so-called International Union of Marine and Shipbuilders of America (CIO) and who is now trying to wreck the labor movement and the war effort, back in what we affectionately call the Nation's Capital. And knowing him, it's not the slightest bit surprising that he is out here offering bargain prices in unionism. "Membership in a union for 98 cents," says Johnny. "Step up, friends, it's one of those 'fire sale' opportunities. Store Gutted by Fire! Everything Going at Below Cost!" But, frankly, it's more of a bankrupt sale. The CIO is on the financial rocks; it has been ever since John Lewis pulled out and quit paying his \$30,000 a month divvy, not to mention the million and a half or more which he apparently thought he loaned, but which the CIO, now in distress, says he gave.

So, hold out, shipyard workers. Make a better bargain! Don't go for that 98 stuff. Johnny will be down to 49 cents before you can say "scat!"

The fact is that Johnny is no more of a trade unionist than I am a banker. The first time we ever heard of Johnny in Washington was back in the days of the old Blue Eagle—those NRA days. Johnny had been opposed to organized labor, or, rather, to really organized labor. Johnny was the head of C. L. Bardo's "company union" at the Camden, N. J. shipyards, the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Company.

Well, you remember old Hugh Johnson—a bellicose sort of a fellow, but one who tried to do the right thing. Those early days of the NRA meant the death of the company union. Johnny came down to Washington with Bardo for one of those conferences with Hugh. Bardo says: "I am the employer, and here is my union right here with me."

This was pretty enterprising on the part of Bardo. A lot of industrialists have come to Washington richly equipped. But this was just about the first one to have in his suitcase not only a change of clothing but a union as well!

Hugh looked at Bardo and at this union, at Johnny, and sputtered "Hell, Bardo, you can't sit on both sides of the conference table: you can't be both employer and employee."

Well, it was decided that before Johnny could be recognized as a "labor leader" he had to get away from this company union business. He had to get away from Bardo.

Johnny is not an unadaptable person. You might call him "far-seeing," in fact. None of those long-haired professors there in Washington, it has developed, could be any more "far-seeing" than Johnny. So he turned his company union into another kind of a union. You've perhaps seen the comic strip, "Mandrake the Magician," where the fellow makes things that are, suddenly ain't. No magician ever had anything on Johnny.

Johnny's what has come to be known in recent years as a thinker. You'd be surprised how many men we've got around Washington who just sit and think, and do nothing but think, and who live off the fat of the land by just thinking! The thinking profession has become almost as well established as the profession of medicine, or law, or dentistry. I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see soon an International Order of Thinkers. At least, they had better get organized; otherwise the people have become so disgusted that the thinkers are going to be out on their southern extremities.

Well, Johnny, being a thinker, he thought he had to tack this union of his onto something. The only thing he could tack it onto was the CIO, which, believe me, was and is looking for things to be tacked onto it. The only trouble is that Johnny's so-called maritime workers' organization is tacked onto a failing concern. This concern, this CIO, has thrived on a political movement. It's part of that political movement. Remember the old Knights of Labor?—a political, crack-pot movement which enjoyed a brief spell in the sun and then collapsed because it had nothing substantial under it. The CIO, having come into being as an adjunct of a political movement, is failing as that political movement fails, and anybody with an ounce of sense knows that that political movement is on the way out.

So don't let Johnny sell you anything for 98 cents. Don't let him profess to be conducting a fire sale in unionism. It's really a bankrupt sale!

#### MANPOWER SHORTAGE PINCHES

"The manpower shortage in the trucking industry," says O.D.T., "will become steadily more serious during the next twelve months, because the armed services and war industries are draining off teamsters and mechanics. Proper maintenance requires trained mechanics," the O.D.T. pointed out. "They will be harder and harder to find as time goes on. Proper operation of trucks, both big and small, requires trained drivers. They, too, will be harder and harder to find. This means that everything possible must be done, through training, upgrading of workers, and otherwise, to utilize available manpower to its maximum capabilities. It means also that women must take over 'man's work' wherever practicable."

#### Achievements of Negroes in the United States

(Continued from Page FOURTEEN)

Of the 121,500 new homes which have been contracted for by the Government under its slum clearance program in city areas, 40,600 are or will be occupied by Negroes. Although Negroes are about one-tenth of the population, the Government is assigning them one-third of the new housing, it being declared that their need is greater.

There were about 30,000 Negro-owned stores in this country in 1939, and sales for that year totaled \$71,000,000. Negroes own and operate eleven banks. There are 41 member companies in the National Negro Insurance Association, and they have 2,800,000 policies and \$422,000,000 worth of insurance in force.

#### Over 100 Hospitals Established

There are 110 Negro hospitals in the United States, some 22 of which are fully approved and 5 provisionally approved by the American College of Surgeons. Among the best known of these in the North are Provident in Chicago, Harlem in New York, and Mercy and Frederick Douglass in Philadelphia. In the South there are 14 approved hospitals, all having Negro doctors and nurses on their staffs, and including the 1500-bed Veterans' Hospital at Tuskeegee, Alabama.

The death rate among Negroes has gone down remarkably in 30 years' time. In 1911 insurance statisticians placed the death rate at 18.5 per thousand. In 1930 U.S. Census figures placed it at 16.5, and in 1940 at 13.9 per thousand.

Of Negroes engaged in the trades, the census figures 12 years ago listed 12,000 brickmasons, 32,000 carpenters, 2000 electricans, 8000 machinists, 27,000 mechanics, 18,000 painters, 4000 chemical workers, 25,000 iron and steel workers, 63 architects and 351 technical engineers. These numbers of course have been increased in the meantime, and particularly since the war program was inaugurated.

#### Service with Armed Forces

There were Negro soldiers in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, and the Civil War. In the Spanish-American War the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry and the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Infantry are declared to have carried much of the burden of the assault on El Caney and San Juan Hill. More than 400,000 Negro soldiers served in the first World War, and four of their regiments were awarded the Croix de Guerre.

Brigadier General Benjamin O. Davis is the highest ranking Negro army Officer, and Hugh N. Mulzac is captain of the new 10,000-ton Liberty ship "Booker T. Washington." Negro troops are in every branch of the Army, many regiments are Negro-officered, and there are two Negro divisions. Dorie Miller was a Pearl Harbor hero and was decorated with the Navy Cross by Admiral Nimitz.

#### Stars in Athletic Field

In the field of athletics are named Fritz Pollard of Brown, Duke Slater of Iowa, Paul Robeson of Rutgers, Brud Holland of Cornell and Kenny Washington of U.C.L.A., in football; the Harlem Globe Trotters, world champion professional basketball team in 1940; Jesse Owens, John B. Taylor and Howard Drew in track; Satchell Paige, fireball pitcher in baseball-and, of course, Joe Lewis in pugilism.

In the text of the booklet Chandler Owen emphasizes throughout, in presenting each subject and the figures in connection therewith, that such advancement and attainments could not have been made under a Hitler regime and its ideas of so-called "inferior" races.



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#### Consumer Co-operative Movement

HOMAS F. WOODLOCK, one of the editors of the Wall Street Journal, THOMAS F. WOODLOCK, one of the editors of the consumer in his column, "Thinking It Over," recently pointed to the consumer co-operative movement as an example of the self-help by co-operation which must be the basis for a future free society.

"Personal freedom under a democratic form of civil order will in the long run depend upon two principles united in one idea," Woodlock declared, "self-help by co-operation." This, he pointed out, is the only substitute possible for the "Omnipotent State-the mortal enemy of human freedom."

Woodlock traced the growth of the democratic idea and the stumbling block placed in its way in the development of the Third and Fourth Estates. Then asking what must be the basis for a free society, Woodlock declared:

"One thing is clear; society must have its differentiated groups if it is to live any kind of life that can be called cultural, but the principle of differentiation must be vertical, not horizontal. Most curiously we have an example in plain sight, an example moreover which was born simultaneously with the coming to maturity of the Fourth Estate. It has a program simple and clear and it gives every sign of real vitality, for its growth has been rapid and uninterrupted. From the beginning it has completely held aloof from the State and from all temptations to political power. It has been completely autonomous, and it has been completely democratic. The reader will probably have recognized already that this is the co-operative movement.

"It is in all important respects the precise antithesis of the Marxian idea, inasmuch as domination of anyone is repugnant to its entire philosophy. Self-help by co-operation is its central idea, and it has lived up to that idea from its birth. It is the very type of social group that is the building stone of a free society, for a really free society will consist of free autonomous groups who ask nothing from the State but the freedom to exist alongside each other, and from their members nothing but the will to co-operate for the good and to the end of the group. In such a state of things the nation can control the State as its servant-which it should be-and is in no danger of finding it its master.

"The conclusion which this writer is attempting to suggest is that personal freedom under a democratic form of civil order will in the long run depend upon two principles united in one idea—self-help through co-operation, and that the more we permit State aid to substitute itself for self-help, and compulsion for co-operation, the more certainly we are erecting the Omnipotent State—the mortal enemy of human freedom."

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T HAS been estimated that it takes eighteen men and women "in overalls" to supply one "man in uniform." With labor so closely integrated in our program to win the war, labor organizations are striving to keep their members steadily on the job without interruptions due to sickness and impaired strength.

Labor knows that among the diseases which strike most frequently at men and women are the venereal diseases, especially syphilis and gonorrhea.

Recent surveys have shown that 40 out of every 1000 men and women in labor's ranks are infected with syphilis, and at least three times as many have gonorrhea. This survey also has proven that 50 per cent of those who are infected with syphilis are unaware of their infection.

Realizing that untreated syphilis frequently leads to blindness, insanity and death, and that treatment will cure practically every case of early syphilis, the labor organizations have been assisting the San Francisco Department of Public Health and the California Social Hygiene Association in their fight against the venereal diseases.

This assistance has been no idle gesture, but has actually consisted of a practical job of finding syphilis. Many unions have already made use of the Department of Public Health's educational program, which consists of lectures and motion pictures followed by free blood tests at the members' request. These tests have been taken right in the meeting halls by the doctors and nurses from the Department of Health. The results of the tests are kept strictly confidential.

Labor celebrated Social Hygiene Day on February 3 by co-operating with the Bethlehem Steel Company, the Department of Health and the California Social Hygiene Association in starting the largest industrial "find syphilis" campaign ever attempted in this area. This program, which is sponsored by the Metal Trades Council, will effectively reach the entire personnel of the Bethlehem Steel Shipbuilding Division.

So far, some 6000 union members have participated in this program, which shows that there is still much to be done. All that is necessary to complete the plans for the program and blood tests is to telephone the Department of Public Health (Exbrook 2531), or write to the Educational Department, San Francisco Department of Public Health, 33 Hunt street.

#### LETTERS TO PRISONERS HELD BY JAPAN

Letters to American prisoners of war held by the Japanese should be typewritten or printed in block capitals, and kept to the shortest possible length, the American Red Cross advises. Notice of this recommendation, made by the Japanese, was received from the International Red Cross Committee in Geneva. The committee points out that it is necessary in order to facilitate censorship, and to speed transmission of mail to prisoners of war. Information on how to address mail to prisoners is included with the official notification of capture sent to the next of kin by the office of the Provost Marshal General, the Red Cross said. Instructions may also be obtained from any post office or Red Cross chapter.

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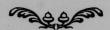
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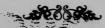


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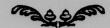
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PAST ranch and corrals tinkled Owl Creek, a little brook one could step across, that struck me as the most pathetic bit of water I then had ever seen. Born of a tiny spring that feebly pushed its way into the sunlight beneath a low bluff a scant half-mile west of the ranch, a spring bubbling with the mirth and singing with the joy of release from its subterranean prison, happy in the generous bounty it had to bestow upon this arid land, wondering, like any other young thing, what lay beyond its horizon and eager to hurry on and see—the last precious drops of Owl Creek's sweet waters were soon greedily drunk by the thirsting plains, gone back into Mother Earth's deep bosom whence they had so recently come, its career ended, a scant half-mile east of the ranch!

There was so much Owl Spring wanted to do, and so little it did. It slaked the thirst of a few men and beasts; one slender cottonwood, frail as the mother that fed it, bent in gratitude above the spring; two narrow ribbons of juicy green grasses owed life to the spring and followed it faithfully to the end. That was all.

Enchained within the narrow horizon, fated never to know fellow-waters and merrily to wander with them out into the world—for Owl Creek were none of the mighty deeds for good or ill of the proud Father of Waters who one season enriches provinces and the next devastates them.

# Memory of a Missouri Farm House

CAN SEE the farm house yet with perfect clearness, the family room of the house, with a "trundle" bed in one corner and a spinning wheel in another-a wheel whose rising and falling wail, heard from a distance, was the mournfulest of all sounds to me, and made me homesick and low-spirited and filled my atmosphere with the wandering spirits of the dead; the vast fireplace piled high on winter nights with flaming hickory logs from whose ends a sugary sap bubbled out, but did not go to waste, for we scraped it off and ate it; the lazy cat spread out on the hearthstone, the drowsy dogs braced against the jambs, and blinking; my aunt in one corner knitting and my uncle in the other smoking his cob pipe; the slick and carpetless floor faintly mirroring the dancing flame tongues and freckled with black indentations where fire coals had popped out and died a leisurely death; half a dozen children romping in the background twilight; split bottom chairs here and there, some with rockers; a cradle, out of service, but waiting with confidence; in the early cold mornings a snuggle of children, in shirts and chemises, occupying the hearthstone, and procrastinating—they could not bear to leave that comfortable place and go out in the wind-swept floor space, where the general tin basin stood, and wash.

# The Balloon Stickers from Rag Alley THOMAS V. BODINE

ONG years ago when the writer was a boy they used to have big picnics round and about, after the corn was laid by and the long, slanting and golden days of August were at hand. Everybody who could stir a peg went to these picnics—and the most regular visitor was a nomadic, darkskinned individual who, for lack of a name, was called "the balloon man." He came for revenue, and sold "squawkers" and these little toy balloons on the end of a string to the little boys and girls who had nickels with which to buy them. There were red balloons, blue balloons and pink ones, all floating (Continued on Next Page)

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around the heads of the moving and shifting crowd; and variegated and raucous squawkers letting forth the long, wailing noise that made picnics a nightmare before the days of confetti and megaphones.

Yet, by sundown, one could not count a half dozen balloons or hear the wail of a single squawker. An apparent miracle—but due entirely to natural causes, in the form of a group of small boys. These were the have-nots, with the primordial instinct for destruction, and carried slender sticks with pins in the end—darting in and out among the crowd like weasels, disappearing and reappearing at pleasure.

They took a diabolical delight in puncturing the balloons of the other little boys and girls; and many an elated youngster blowing his squawker to its utmost was dismayed to see it collapse in his mouth, or, on looking over his shoulder, was mystified to find, instead of his pink or blue balloon only a limp piece of colored gum.

By night the dusty ground was littered with the remains of collapsed balloons—and the balloon stickers from down on "Rag Alley," the freckle-face anarchists, had departed for home with satisfaction in destruction well and thoroughly wrought.

There is a lesson in this bunglingly told story, if you can get it. Don't blow your squawkers too offensively, or trail your balloons too persistently. In the shifting crowd about you are a multitude of balloon-stickers, and they delight in puncturing human pretentions. The crowd, too, is always willing to stop and laugh at your plight.

#### Inspiration of the Redwoods

DELPHIN M. DELMAS, in an address made, years ago, to the State Legislature in behalf of protecting the redwood forests of California

THE reservation [redwood forest] presents to the eye the aspect of a vast amphitheater whose encircling walls are the dim heights of the mist-crowned mountains. Seen from the crest of the ridge it stretches toward the setting sun, its distant outlines blending the purplish-blue tints of the woods with the hazy vapors of the ocean. From this point of view you catch a confused suggestion of a great forest watered by intersecting streams.

Descend from your eminence and enter within the limits of the forest. Your first feeling is one of awe. Your very breath seems hushed by the solemn stillness of the place. Here the winds are mute. Their distinct murmurings are unheard within the depths of the shaded solitude. Your step falls noiseless upon the thick carpet of marl—the castoff vesture of countless seasons—upon which you tread. The crackling of a twig underfoot or the startled cry of a frightened bird but intensifies the silence which enfolds you like a shroud.

Contemplate now the scene spread on every hand in never-ending vistas. See the great moss-covered oak, the light and graceful maple, the glossy laurel, everywhere entwining their branches and blending the varied hues of their foliage in tangled profusion, while here and there the glistening trunks of clustered madrones stand out against the dark background like streaks of yellow sunlight.

As you lift up your eyes, behold above the giant forms that sentinel the place. These are California's own—hers, for in no other soil have they ever found root, and under no other breeze save that of the Pacific have they ever swayed their boughs.

A sense of humility overwhelms you as you gaze upon these massy pillars of Nature's temple, whose tops, lost amid the clouds, seem to support the vault of the blue empyrean. The spell which the mystic light of some venerable cathedral may at times have thrown upon your soul is tame compared to that which binds you here. That was man's place of worship; this is God's.

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#### Gems of Thought, and Its Expression

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In the presence of these titanic offsprings of Nature, standing before you in the hoar austerity of centuries, how dwarfed seems your being, how fleeting your existence! They were here when you were born; and though you allow your thoughts to go back on the wings of imagination to your remotest ancestry you realize that they were here when your first forefather had his being. All human work which you have seen or conceived of is recent in comparison.

Time has not changed them since Columbus first erected an altar upon this continent, nor since Titus builded the walls of the Flavian amphitheater, nor since Solomon laid the foundations of the temple of Jerusalem. They were old when Moses led the children of Israel to the promised land, or when Egyptian monarchs piled up the Pyramids and bade the Sphinx gaze with eyes of perpetual sadness over the desert sands of the Valley of the Nile.

And if their great mother, Nature, is permitted still to protect them, here they will stand, defying Time, when not a stone of this capitol is left to mark the spot on which it now stands, and its very existence may have faded into the mists of tradition.

# The Democracy of the Dead

In the democracy of the dead all men at last are equal. There is neither rank, station or prerogative in the republic of the grave. At this fatal threshold the philosopher ceases to be wise, and the song of the poet is silent. Dives relinquishes his millions and Lazarus his rags. The poor man is as rich as the richest, and the rich man is as poor as the pauper. The creditor loses his usury, and the debtor is acquitted of his obligation. There the proud man surrenders his dignities, the politician his honors, the worldling his pleasures; the invalid needs no physician, and the laborer rests from his unrequited toil.

Here at last is Nature's final decree in equity. The wrongs of time are redressed. Injustice is expiated, the irony of fate is refuted; the unequal distribution of wealth, honor capacity, pleasure and opportunity, which makes life such a cruel and inexplicable tragedy, ceases in the realm of death. The strongest there has no supremacy, and the weakest needs no defense. The mightiest captain succumbs to the invincible adversary who disarms alike the victor and the vanquished.

#### The People's Bonds

"This should be a time for rededication to the cause of freedom and fair play with which the American people have always been identified," declared Secretary of Treasury Henry Morenthau, Jr., in a recent message to the American people.

The War Savings Bond Program, he said, should be expanded to "give every man, woman and child in America an opportunity to make some tangible contribution toward winning the war beyond serving in the armed forces, on the production line or in civilian defense."

Because the program wes also designed "to promote thrift and savings out of current income and so to reduce the threat of inflation," the Treasury offered "savings stamps in a denomination as low as ten cents and bonds as low as \$25," he added.

"To my mind, it is deeply significant that 50,000,000 individuals have become shareholders in their government, building up savings to buy the products of American industry in the years after the war is won."



#### Plan to "Rationalize" Industry

THE news story reprinted below, by Sterling F. Green, Associated Press staff writer, came out of Washington last week. It is here given merely as informative and the reader is left to judge whether it is a "trial balloon" on the part of "officials who prefer to remain unidentified at this time"; also, as to its possibilities, if carried into effect in the post-war period, on the elimination of "small business" and centralization of industry. The latter is a subject now being widely discussed—and with much concern—by labor, the general public, and in Congress. The "A.P." writer's story follows:

A far-reaching plan to "rationalize" a vast segment of American industry—to end "duplication of effort" and other practices described as wasteful—is in the final stages of consideration in the War Production Board, high officials disclosed.

The aim, the officials said, is to increase war production, but they predicted that in the peace years to come the plan will mean more goods for consumers at cheaper prices.

These officials, who prefer to remain unidentified at this time, said the immediate objective is to solve the crucial problem of "components"—the valves, engines, heat exchangers, instruments and other bottleneck items for which many of the "must" war production programs are competing.

The net result, if carried through as contemplated, would be to make an entire industry function as a single manufacturer, ending what is termed the "wasteful" use of critical machines, equipment, manpower and transportation.

Inefficiency results when several companies in an industry each is making a score of different objects, it was explained. The W.P.B. idea is that total output can be increased if each firm is concentrated on a few products. Similarly the effort will be made to get rid of the "waste motion" involved when several companies are making several different versions of the same product.

As an example of the type of thing that W.P.B. hopes to eliminate, informants cited the fact that twenty-one different kinds of propulsion machinery for tug boats and tow boats now are being ordered by the Government for various purposes. A comparative handful of different types of machinery could do the work necessary if government and industry got together to standardize on specifications, it was stated.

The program admittedly could raise anti-trust problems if standardization reached such a degree that new improvements were blocked with resultant harm to the consumer, but W.P.B. officials believe that this threat can be headed off.

#### A Pioneer San Francisco Local

One of the oldest unions in San Francisco is that of the janitors. It was organized October 6, 1902, as Janitors' Protective Union No. 10367 and its charter is signed by Samuel Gompers.

This union is known today as Theatre and Amusement Janitors' Union No. 9 and became affiliated with the Building Service Employees' International Union in April, 1921.

For the last forty years No. 9 has been doing its part to build San Francisco's great labor movement, and to help the building service employees throughout the Bay area to win the best possible wages and hours and working conditions.

#### **BURIAL IN NATIONAL CEMETERIES**

Eligible for burial in national cemeteries are men with honorable discharges from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and members of the Coast Geodetic Survey and Public Health Service when on active duty. The wives or widows of the men also may be buried there. It is stated that application is made for only about 50 per cent of all eligibles.

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#### "Often Learn to Live Together and Like It"

EOPLE who are thrown into one another's arms by the violence of some external upheaval do not always stay put. On the other hand, they often learn to live together and like it," remarked James Myers, industrial secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, with reference to the Govrnment's calling upon capital and labor to co-operate for utmost production.

In commenting upon his report to the recent biennial meeting of the Federal Council of Churches held in Cleveland, Mr. Myers declared: "How well employers and workers will co-operate for production both now and in peace time will depend upon whether they take a leaf out of the book of those companies and unions which have already pioneered in this field and have developed psychological attitudes and techniques which assure success.'

For many years, Mr. Myers pointed out, the industrial relations division of the Federal Council has investigated constructive labor relations throughout the country, and during the past year the main emphasis of the work with church groups, labor unions and employers' associations has been on showing "how it can be done" by the use of concrete illustrations drawn from first-hand knowledge

"Co-operation between capital and organized labor," Mr. Myers said, "is also an expression of democracy and of the principle of brotherhood and helps to develop men as well as production.

"In fact," Mr. Myers concluded, "organized labor and management who meet only when controversial issues or grievances arise, get along together about as well as distant relatives who meet only at family funerals and occupy themselves discussing the will of the deceased. Industry will be less likely to assume the role of the deceased if frequent joint meetings of company and union representatives are held for the sole purpose of injecting new life and the creative intelligence of democracy into the entire industrial process."

The activities of the industrial division of the Council during the year, as cited in the biennial report, have included the sponsoring of conferences between employers, labor, farmers, consumers and church representatives on developing constructive understanding in areas where prejudice often exists; issuance of a Labor Sunday message; information to the churches on social legislation; and special courses in conferences, churches and theological seminaries on methods of social education and action on the part of the churches.

#### The Origin of "Taps"

According to the Camp Stoneman Salvo, the bugle call, "Taps," was composed in 1862 by Major General Daniel Butterfield of the Army of the Potomac. Until that date the "last call" was "tap-to" or "taptoe," derived from the fact that the taps in all opened beer barrels were closed immediately when it was sounded. Butterfield's brigade was bivouacked on the James river, and there was some difficulty burying casualties because of the presence of snipers. It was not possible to fire three volleys over the graves, and General Butterfield had always disapproved of the "cease drinking" call at a military funeral." So he wrote out a soft, three-phase call on the back of an envelope and whistled it to a bugler until he learned to play it. It spread immediately to the entire Union Army and was formally adopted in 1867.

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#### Formidable Characteristics of the Japs

In THE eyes of the Japs, we are "a nation of weaklings, demanding our daily comforts and unwilling to make the sacrifices demanded for victory," says our former Ambassador to Tokyo, Joseph C. Grew. In the following short excerpt, from a recent radio address, Mr. Grew shows that the war lords of Nippon are counting on our failure to give our utmost to the war effort to enable them to overrun and subjugate the United States as they have so many other lands and peoples of East Asia. This message presents a stern challenge to every free worker in America.

"In the year since the act of treachery at Pearl Harbor the American people have learned much about our enemy, Japan. I do not believe we have yet learned enough. I should like to report to you my own observations about the Japanese, based upon ten years of first-hand experience. I know the Japanese people and I know the Japanese military machine, that utterly ruthless machine which, like the Car of Juggernaut, is riding roughshod over peaceful lands and innocent peoples—today over the lands and peoples of East Asia; tomorrow, if its power is not utterly destroyed, over the lands and peoples of our own America. For that is its definite goal and determined ambition.

"The Japanese will not be defeated easily. Defeat them we shall, but only when every American understands the magnitude of the task. I have no wish to overestimate a people who are our enemies, but I must in the interests of our very survival list a few of their formidable characteristics: They are united. Theirs is a unity of solidarity. Foolish and criminally responsible as their war government is, they support it. They believe in the divinity of their Emperor, and through him, in the rightness of their war leaders. They are trained. They have submitted to years of enforced discipline.

"The Japanese are frugal. The empire has almost thrived on shortages, and in the midst of poverty they have built an enormous military machine. They have not done this with wastefulness. They have done it with care and thrift and economy and conserving of materials.

"They are fanatical. They believe in their war, and the government which led them into it, and in their destiny of world domination.

"Finally, the Japanese rely on their belief in our unwillingness to sacrifice. They have put great store in what they think to be our softness. They look upon us as weaklings, demanding our daily comforts and unwilling to make the sacrifices demanded for victory. The Japanese attach great importance to what they thought was our disunity over the war issue and they mistakenly supposed that we would be slow in developing a fighting spirit.

"Japan is counting on you, on each of us, individually, to hold back and hold up the American war effort long enough for Japan to consolidate her conquests. Japan needs your hesitation, your partial effort, your doubt. It is up to every American at home to prove Japan wrong. Our gallant soldiers in New Guinea and Guadalcanal are already proving Japan's mistaken judgment."

#### Sulfa Drug May Relieve Sinusitis

Sufferers from sinus trouble may be relieved by means of local applications of sulfathiazole, according to Dr. Roland F. Marx, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist who recently conducted clinical studies with the aid of the department of bacteriology at the University of California Medical School. Approximately 70 per cent of the chronic maxillary sinusitis cases treated were relieved, a report of the studies stated. The average duration of symptoms was ten months, and the average time required to restore the patient to normal was between three and four weeks. No undesirable effects were noted generally or locally, Dr. Marx pointed out. On the other hand, results were so encouraging that he suggested making a trial with sulfathiazole before resorting to surgery.

#### MAN'S BEST FRIEND—THE NOBLEST

Now that steaks and chops are so scarce and the hot dog is standard fare, one optimist offers this consolation: "The noblest kind of a dog is the hot dog, for it not only doesn't bite the hand that feeds it; it feeds the hand that bites it."

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#### Service of Older Women on War Jobs

O LDER women are providing a steadying influence that is an asset in war industries forced to use more women workers because of the shortage of men, says a report by the research division of the National Industrial Conference Board, an employers' organization.

A national survey disclosed that many employers had found it desirable to place the older women among groups of younger women as stabilizing factors.

"Employers are finding that she is proving the most able and dependable of employees on jobs formerly held by men," the report said of the higherage woman.

Although close to 3,500,000 women are in war industries, there is still no serious pressure on women to take jobs requiring manual labor, it was said.

The inquirers found some women disinclined to accept jobs in war industries, fostered by a desire to keep their husbands out of the armed services. Women generally are more concerned about management than they are about "glamorizing" uniforms and other working garb, it was discovered.

"If she desires to appear glamorous," the report said, "it is not during working hours. She does not want to appear ridiculous and conspicuous either, and if no locker is provided she resents having to wear uniforms or working garb to and from work."

#### Need in School Curriculum

Referring to the need for greater concentration in high schools on the fundamental courses of mathematics, physics and other sciences, Navy Commander F. B. Melendy, at a recent meeting in San Jose of the Northern California Guidance Association, an education group, said:

"The lack of fundamental skills and mathematical training in high schools has forced the Navy to add to its training program and give fundamental and refresher courses."

"Many students," he continued, "come into the Navy lacking sufficient training in English, spelling and construction of sentences. Improperly worded orders might mean a serious disaster at sea."

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When Eugene Field was working on the Denver *Tribune*," he patronized Bob Stockton's bar, immediately across the street. One month he ran up a bill of \$8. The proprietor dunned him for it frequently, but never cut off his credit, for the patronage "Gene" attracted to the establishment far outweighed the amount of the indebtedness. At last, despairing of ever getting his money, and thinking to make a strong hit with the poet, Stockton made out a receipted bill, and, calling Field aside, presented it to him. Field said nothing, but merely stood in an expectant attitude, holding the bill. "Well, why don't you say something?" Stockton demanded. "Well, Bob," rejoined Field, "what does the house usually do when a man pays his bill?"

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#### War Plant Workers Can Be Proud

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"Although a great deal of emphasis has been laid on the fact that essential workers are vital to war production, there is still much work ahead in registering this fact with the public, and with the workers themselves," McNutt said.

"Occupational deferment usually indicates that a man is making a more valuable contribution to the war, right now, than if he were in uniform," Chairman McNutt continued. "Such men should remember that our fighting men need materials and supplies to carry on their fight, plenty of them.

"It is the War Manpower Commission's job to see that the nation's manpower is properly allocated—to supply the men for our fighting forces through Selective Service, and at the same time to supply the workers for producing the goods those fighting men need. We are in the position to see the overall picture—the overall need—which the individual worker cannot see.

"We realize how difficult it is for workers in civilian clothes to explain to their friends and neighbors why they are not in the armed forces. The public should realize that the young, able-bodied men in civilian clothes may be anxious to join the armed forces. It simply happens that his work is too important to induct him at this time, or perhaps he may have already been considered and did not measure up to the physical standards of the armed forces, even though he has a healthy outward appearance.

"There are some 3000 occupations which have been designated as essential. Men in these occupations will be kept in those jobs until changing circumstances, such as the training of suitable replacements, make it advisable to induct them into the armed forces."

#### Labor Commissioner's Report for Year

State Labor Commissioner Carrasco announces that during 1942 his office received a total of 21,086 complaints of alleged violations of labor laws. Of these, 15,109 were for failure to pay wages, and 5977 were for complaints of violations of various labor laws. Wages recovered for more than 12,500 workers during the year amounted to \$523,300. Criminal prosecutions were instituted against 514 alleged labor law violators in 1942, and 204 civil suits were filed to recover unpaid wages.

#### EARLY CALIFORNIAN'S GRAVE FOUND

The burial place of Jean Jacques Vioget, first civil engineer to practise land surveying in California and the first saloon and restaurant keeper in San Francisco, was identified recently in the Oakhill cemetery in San Jose. The grave was discovered by J. M. Bowman, former technical assistant at the University of California, who traced it from some information and photographs given him by Harry C. Peterson, former curator of Sutter's Fort. Vioget came to California in 1837, when he painted the first known watercolor of San Francisco, then a hamlet of two houses. In 1839 he surveyed Portsmouth Square, and his work is said to have been the basis for all succeeding surveys in this city.

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#### Women Help Army Build Airport in India

WOMEN war workers on the production lines in this country have their counterparts in a remote Indian province where they recently gave up their seclusion to help American Army Engineers hack an airport out of the wildest jungles of India, from which American bombers and pursuit planes are now going out against the Japanese.

Army Engineers, just returned from India, said that there were not even cement mixers available to help build the airport. Local Indian advisers called in 3000 women. They were the best labor available, the Army was

When the job was started, the Army Engineers were surprised at the efficiency with which the women did all the hauling, using baskets which they carried on their heads.

Indian castes rules provided that these women workers could carry no more than 80 pounds at a time and they could walk only 50 paces with the load. To build the field, a long, snake-like queue of women stretched up a hillside, each carrying her burden and deftly transferring it to the head of the woman in line next to her.

Women of a neighboring province, from where the best and most diligent workers came, wore 30 yards of draped red wool while they worked, the Army Engineers said, somewhat different from the American women's slacks and blouses.

New Emergency Ration Kit

Canadian naval headquarters announce that a new emergency ration kit has been devised which will give a better chance of survival to shipwrecked sailors huddled on liferafts.

Each kit, no bigger than a woman's overnight bag, will hold eight 16-inch tins of water, eight tins of high caloric food and eight packets of sealed milk tablets. Four of the kits will be fastened to each 10-man raft, the announcement said.

The food tin is little biger than a sardine can and holds twelve chocolate tablets, plus two bars of chocolate. These, with concentrated biscuits, are supposed to last one man two days.

The whole kit is covered by salt water-resisting paint, the tins will not rust or break at 15 degrees below zero, and the chocolate will not melt below 212 degrees, it was said.

#### FATHER'S ENTHUSIASM AROUSED

Of Lord Beaverbrook is told a story, which would indicate he is no modest violet. It seems that after the first World War Beaverbrook was about to be knighted. Dazzled, Beaverbrook cabled his father in Canada and told him in glowing terms of his many accomplishments that brought the accolade from the king. In the cable Beaverbrook just about took credit for winning the war all by his lonesome. He then asked his father what name he thought he should take with his new royal honors. The father, who evidently knew his son's nature, replied: "If you have done all you say you have, why not call yourself 'Lord God'?"

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Youth is in uniform. On my way to the office this morning, I watched them pass. In the restaurant where I breakfasted, they came in by the scoreyoung officers with their very young wives. Along the street all the boys I saw were uniformed. And, just as I turned down toward my office, along came a newly inducted group, en route for camp.

"And there with the rest are the lads that will never be old."

We who do not fight are making our sacrifices, too-but what are we doing that compares with what they are giving? Yet, that really isn't fair, for it is not a question of we or they-they are ours and we are theirs. They are fighting for us, which includes themselves, and we are working for them, which includes ourselves. But there is still one great difference. We will live -under greatly changed circumstances-but still alive and free to act voluntarily. They are under orders to march out to what for many of them will be the end.

"And there with the rest are the lads that will never be old."

Ours is the responsibility to give them the fighting chance for life. Our money-spent not for ourselves, but invested in bonds-will give them the ships, munitions, planes to fight off the murderous foe. Our voluntary and willing acceptance of restrictions will give them further chances for life. The meat we did not eat gives them more food. The gas we did not use will keep their fighter planes up longer. The trip we did not take means more munitions speeding to their aid. The things we did not buy means more people to work, more space for cargo, more help going to them.

'And there with the rest are the lads that will never be old."

Above all else, the thing we can do best to help these-our sons, our brothers, our fellow workers-is to work; not with one eye on the other fellow to see that he does his share; not with the thought of doing merely our part, but with the full realization that some soldier in desert or jungle, some sailor on the submarine-infested seas, some marine on an island outpost, some flyer carrying the war to the enemy-may live or die on our effort each day! That is one thing we can do. That is one thing we must do, to keep faith with them.

"The lads that will die in their glory and never be old."

#### SAFETY GOGGLES PREVENTS ACCIDENTS

A rigid course of supervision to abate and prevent eye accidents in shipyards is in process by the Maritime Commission following a recent examination made by health and accident experts. Evidence is offered that hundreds of workers lost an eye as a result of failure to wear goggles. One company in Maine shows a reduction of 70 per cent in such injuries since enforcement of a rule that every employee shall wear safety glasses at all times. The experts insist that the need for goggles should be thoroughly understood, but, they say, workers will not wear goggles that do not fit or through which they cannot see normally. Goggles should be comfortable, regularly reconditioned and sterilized. Cleaning and anti-fogging fluids should be provided besides a safe and handy place to keep them when not in use.

#### NO ATHEISTS IN LIFE RAFTS

"There are no atheists aboard rafts in the middle of the ocean. You really get close to God out there. You know He is the only one to help you," said Sergt. James W. Reynolds of Oakland, who was with Captain Rickenbacker in a life raft for three weeks in the South Pacific.

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#### An Army Doctor's Burial in the Jungle

THE funeral of Maj. Lemuel Edward Day of Chicago, the "most beloved surgeon of American forces battling in the mud of New Guinea," was described recently in the London Daily Telegraph in a dispatch from its correspondent with American troops there.

Dr. Day died of heart failure, the dispatch said, after weeks of incessant work in which he lost thirty-four pounds and his hair turned gray.

"In the spotted light and shade of the creeper hung Papuan jungle, the gramophone sounded thin and unreal," the *Telegraph* correspondent cabled. "It was hot, sticky and oppressive.

"The gramophone was playing 'Beautiful Isle.' Not a leaf stirred. At last the record came to a close. Then the body of Major Day was lowered with all care into the grave.

"There was no flag to cover him; not even a bugler to sound 'Last Post.' But the staff of his small, much bombed field hospital felt they had to do something for 'Pop' so they wound up 'Pop's' old gramophone which he had so often played to cheer them up in the grass roofed hospital, and put on his favorite record for the last time."

Quarto-Centennial Passes Unacclaimed

Although other countries have celebrated the beginning of their history, America's quarto-centennial passed unobserved, comments Dr. John W. Caughey, associate professor of history at U.C.L.A.

Cabrillo, first to reach Alta California, discoverer of San Diego Bay, Catalina Island, Santa Monica Bay, the Santa Barbara area, Point Conception, Los Angeles harbor and the whole southern California coast, remains unhonored and unsung, says Dr. Caughey. It happened in 1542, sixty-five years before Jamestown, Virginia, was settled.

"Chile commemorated the founding of Santiago, Colombia and Guate-mala the founding of their chief cities, a Brazilian historical society immortalized the first descending of the Amazon, but in California only a banquet and a pienic paid honor to Cabrillo.

"The war is a convenient excuse for dereliction from historical duty, but the real reason is that the exploits of 1542 are regarded as local happenings. Their significance has not been grasped, although they amounted to the unveiling of the New World, the completion of the long process of discovering America."

#### **BIG SALVAGE JOB IN AFRICA**

One of the biggest salvage jobs in the world is being done by the desert salvage squads of the British Eighth Army, cleaning up Rommel's scrapped fighting equipment, abandoned in the Axis retreat.

#### CALIFORNIA PASSES ON THIS ONE

Mrs. George Earl, who gave birth to a 19-year-old daughter, is reported to be getting along fine. A. J. Dill of Farley, who also suffered a broken leg in the same accident, is recovering.—Moran (Tenn.) *Times*.

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And the railroad is one of the city's most profitable investments, the International City Managers' Association said in describing the Cincinnati Southern Railway connecting the Ohio city and Chattanooga, 335 miles to the south.

The city doesn't operate the railroad, doesn't own a locomotive, boxcar, coach or whistle; it leases its trainless system to the company supplying this equipment—the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific Railway Company.

In return, under a 60-year lease, executed in 1906, Cincinnati receives an annual rental of \$1,250,000 plus 2 per cent of net profits which, in 1941, gave the city a return of \$1,317,334 on an original investment of \$18,000,000 in 1881, when the railroad was built.

Part of the revenue is used for retiring railroad bonds; the remainder is used to pay interest on other city bonds. The city's general revenue fund receives no part of the revenue.

Cincinnati built the railroad to compete with Louisville for business with the South. Since 1900, following a six-year period of receivership, the railroad has paid dividends. Some years ago an official estimate placed the railroad's value at \$100,000,000.

#### NO DELAY ON V-MAIL

Recently 115,200 V-Mail letters from soldiers in England were dispatched to the United States on a merchant ship, which was damaged by enemy action and forced to put into a neutral port for extensive repairs. As soon as the Army postal service received this information, the letters were immediately reprocessed at the V-Mail sending station in England and dispatched on a subsequent fast ship sailing for the United States.

#### WOULD CURB SPEECHMAKING

Director Eastman of the Office of Defense Transportation has asked government representatives who have been traveling about the country for speechmaking purposes to stay at home. This, Eastman explained, would set an example for civilians, who have been repeatedly asked not to make unnecessary trips, and would eliminate many of the travel-producing conventions and meetings of organizations before which the officials appear.



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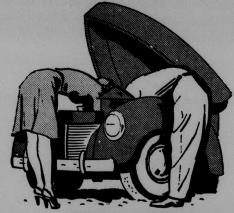
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#### Large Part of Pay Raise Requests from Employers

Employers are now making most of the requests for wage increases.

Since October 3, employers have made 75 per cent of the applications for pay raises, Chairman William H. Davis of the National War Labor Board told the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Davis said that the "world is a little topsy-turvy these days," and went on to explain, saying:

"Here's the Roosevelt administration bending every effort to hold wages down and employers standing in line asking the Government to let them be raised. I shouldn't be terribly surprised some morning to read in the newspapers that the Communist party had gone on record against taxes on corporate incomes."

Davis declared that "it is a great tribute to the patience of American industry and labor," that they have accepted the restrictive phases of the wage-stabilization program "in such a spirit of co-operation."

Partisan interests have been dropped by members of the board representing the public, industry and labor "in the face of the heavy responsibility now imposed upon us," he said.

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She built her up a mansion fine— Had bric-a-brac galore— And every time the prices rose, She raised the rent some more.

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The starving people cry—
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### **Contend Sedition Charge** Abridges Free Speech

The sufficiency of the Government's indictment against the leaders of the California "money" cult, Mankind United, charged with conspiracy to interfere with the conduct of the war and to incite disloyalty in the armed forces, was challenged by the Southern California Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union when a demurrer to the indictment was argued in the federal court at Los Angeles.

The Union's participation as friend of the court was limited to the point that "an indictment which alleges a conspiracy and then limits the charges to 'acts' consisting exclusively of utterances, publications and meetings, must state the circumstances under which the utterances and publications were made so as to disclose a 'clear and present danger' of substantive evil to the Government, the military forces or the conduct of the war."

This test laid down by the Supreme Court is not met in the present indictment and therefore the freedom of speech, press, and assemblage of the defendants is being violated, the Union's memorandum

In explaining the interest of the A.C.L.U. the memorandum declared that "with the views expressed by the defendants, as alleged in the indictment, we have no concern. Most if not all of the statements charged to the defendants are to us highly objectionable.

"We enter the case as amicus curiae not as friend of the defendants but as a friend of the court in the interests of free speech."

#### Nicknames of the States

Every state in the Union has a nickname-sometimes it has two. Do you know them? Here they are: Alabama—"Cotton" or "Lizard" state.

Arizona—"Sunset" or "Apache" state.

Arkansas-"Bear" or "Bowie" state.

California-"Golden" or "Eldorado" state.

Colorado—"Centennial" or "Silver" state.

Connecticut—"Nutmeg" or "Constitution" state.

Delaware—"Diamond" state.

Florida-"Everglade" or "Land of Flowers."

Georgia-"Cracker" or "Buzzard" state.

Idaho—"Gem" state.

Illinois-"Prairie" or "Sucker" state.

Indiana—"Hoosier" state.

Iowa-"Hawkeye" state.

Kansas-"Sunflower" or "Jayhawk" state.

Kentucky-"Blue Grass" or "Corncracker" state.

Louisiana-"Pelican" or "Creole" state. Maine-"Pine Tree' or "Old Dirigo."

Maryland—"Free," "Old Line" or "Cockade" state.

Massachusetts-"Bay" or "Old Colony" state.

Michigan-"Wolverine" state.

Minnesota-"Gopher" or "North Star" state.

Mississippi-"Magnolia" or "Bayou" state.

Missouri—"Ozark" or "Show Me" state.

Montana—"Bonanza" or "Treasure" state.

Nebraska-"Antelope" or "Black Water" state. Nevada-"Silver" or "Sagebrush" state.

New Hampshire-"Granite" state.

New Jersey-"Garden" state.

New Mexico-"Sunshine" or "Spanish" state.

New York—"Empire" or "Excelsior" state. North Carolina-"Tar Heel" state.

North Dakota-"Flickertail" or "Sioux" state.

Ohio-"Buckeye" state.

Oklahoma-"Sooner" or "Indian" state. Oregon-"Beaver" or "Webfoot" state.

Pennsylvania-"Keystone" or "Coal" state.

#### **AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES**

Prime Minister Curtin told Parliament last week that from the outbreak of the war to the end of December Australian battle casualties in all theaters were 52,148. The number comprised 6826 killed, 23,892 missing, 9059 known prisoners and 12,371 as wounded.



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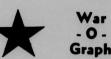
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Organized labor is helping our fighting men to clean up the Axis in more ways than one.

A novel idea has been worked out by United Nations Relief of the Labor League for Human Rights. It is to send a gift of "soap leaves" to our soldiers with the slogan, "Clean Up for Victory!" These soap leaves come in a little booklet which informs the soldier that it is a gift from American labor.

Each leaf of the book is impregnated with soap, and furnishes the user with sufficient lather to wash the hands and face. For a soldier on the march, these handy little booklets are a godsend.

#### Negligible Space and Weight

They occupy less space than a book of cigarette papers; they make the large, cumbersome cake of soap unnecessary, and they reduce the weight of the soldiers kit appreciably.

In months to come, American troops in the silt trenches of Guadalcanal or the dusty plains and mountain gorges of Tunisia will tear a soap leaf from the "Clean Up for Victory" booklet, add a little water from their canteens, and answer the mess call refreshed and clean. A small thing, perhaps, but a contribution to morale by American labor that will be appreciated.

#### Address for Supply

The first quantity of the Clean-Up booklets were provided, appropriately enough, by the Laundry Workers' International Union. Soldiers who want additional soap books can get more by sending a postcard to the Labor League for Human Rights, 9 East Forty-sixth street, New York City, or to the union.

In a letter sent to international union presidents, Matthew Woll, president of the Labor League for Human Rights, has expressed the conviction that "organized labor desires to establish ever more cordial and closer relations with the armed forces."

"I am happy to inform you," he wrote, "that in addition to the printing, which is done in a union plant, the soap leaves are made by a union concern whose workers are represented by the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers of the United States and Canada." Woll added that the wholesale price of the soap books is \$15 per thousand

#### Approved As Useful Item

The soap books have been approved by the New York office of the Quartermaster of the U. S. Army as a useful item for men overseas. Shipments to our fighting men are handled by this office. The Army can use great quantities and there is no doubt that in months to come American soldiers will be using the booklets to wash the dust and grime of Africa and Europe from hands that will liberate the world.

While the soap books are small and compact, there is still room for a brief message to our fighting men from organized labor.

On an inside cover soldiers from the Solomons to Iceland will read the following message:

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#### LABOR'S IDEAS SPEED PRODUCTION

Thousands of practical suggestions by American workers to speed output of materials for the war are flooding in every month through the War Production Drive suggestions awards system. Of December's group of suggestions, 128 were judged so important by the plant committees that they were sent to Washington for governmental recognition. For thirty awards alone, the committee estimate that 112,459 man-hours are saved annually.

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### Federation Statement On New Per Capita Tax

To answer a number of inquiries which have been made regarding the increase of the per capita tax payments to the California State Federation of Labor, the Federation office has issued the following state-

"At the last convention of the California State Federation of Labor it was unanimously voted to increase the per capita tax payments from 3 cents per member per month to 4 cents per member per month. Those unions having fifty members or less will pay a minimum fee of \$2 instead of the previous \$1 fee. No changes were made in the payment of per capita by central labor councils, building trades councils and similar bodies.

"Reason for this action by the convention was the expansion of the Federation's activities, thereby causing a greater expense, and the establishment of the new Research and Public Relations Department.

"Questions asking when the new per capita tax payments go into effect are answered by the Constitution of the Federation, which states that all decisions of the convention take effect immediately on the adjournment of that convention unless otherwise provided for.'

#### Labor Board Politics

(From the "Electrical Workers' Journal")

To understand why the practices of the National Labor Relations Board are in such ill favor with the American Federation of Labor, it is necessary to go back to its origin. The National Labor Relations Act was designed to guarantee collective bargaining by law. Prior to this act, other acts of Congress had favored collective bargaining, and the trend of court decisions for twenty-five years had favored it.

The board formed to administer this act, however, fell into politics at once and was largely the creature of John L. Lewis. The board began at once to interpret the act in favor of the C.I.O. and industrial unionism, and left to its discretion the interpretation of that fine distinction between union co-operation with management and undue influence by employers upon workers.

When a board trusts its own discretion in such matters, it departs usually from the law and follows its partisanship. This is what the board has done. It is now in the position of saying that when the American Federation of Labor co-operates with management, it represents management favoritism. While the War Production Board and other sections of the Government advocate union-management co-operation, the N.L.R.B. penalizes the A.F.L. for following this policy.

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The letter, sent to President William Green during the session of the executive council, follows:

"Dear Mr. Green:

"I hope you will present my greetings to the members of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, and my best wishes for a successful meeting.

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"According to a dispatch from Guadalcanal, enemy bombing on our positions always ceases after the arrival of your P-38 Lightning planes. 'It was evident,' the dispatch said, 'that enemy aircraft avoided, as much as possible, actual combat with the P-38s. The Federation has reason to be proud of the splendid record being made by the Lightnings, the Flying Fortresses, the Liberators and all the other planes which are made by members of your organization.

"With the equipment you have furnished us, we have come a long way on the road to building an adequate offensive arsenal. We are counting on free labor to continue supplying us with the weapons to keep America free.

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An immediate "showdown" with government officials over what he termed illegal use of passes for government traffic over the Golden Gate Bridge was demanded by Daniel Del Carlo, director of the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District, at the board of directors' meeting last Friday.

Del Carlo declared that he had received many complaints of persons using passes over the bridge to which they were not entitled. He cited one instance of where he had visited a government office where a subordinate civilian government employee had pointed to a pad of bridge passes lying on a desk, and indicated that there was no difficulty for any employee to get a pass to ride free over the bridge. On another occasion he said he was informed that a man received a pad of bridge passes for use after he had been discharged from the Army Signal Corps.

"We should make it difficult, instead of easy, to secure these passes," said Del Carlo. "I believe we should tighten up the rules governing their issuance. If necessary, we should require an identification photograph on each pass legitimately issued to a government employee." He declared that the Bridge District, instead of the War Department should take charge of the printing of the passes and should restrict the number issued.

His demand for a "showdown" on the pass situation was made after General Manager James E. Rickets reported to the bridge directors that two civilian government employees had been found to have been illegally using passes over the bridge going to and from work. Rickets said that \$31 had been collected from the men for 62 trips over the bridge.

The subject matter was referred to a committee of the bridge directors for investigation and report.

#### Van Arsdale's Conviction Voided

A decision by the Court of Appeals, at Albany, N. Y., unanimously reversed the conviction of Harry Van Arsdale, business manager of Local 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, on a charge of inciting to riot during a strike against the Triangle Conduit and Cable Company in 1940.

Van Arsdale had been found guilty on one count, after a parade of company officials, private dicks and scabs had testified that violence was provoked by the union. The appeals court held that the evidence had been "legally insufficient to prove his guilt of the single count upon which he stands convicted."

Sentenced to prison to from one to two years under a 147-year-old anti-rioting law never before invoked, Van Arsdale continued at his union post pending the outcome of his appeal.

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### A.F.L. Continues to Seek Peace in Labor Ranks

By PHILIP PEARL, in A.F.L. News Service

The American Federation of Labor is committed to an undeviating effort to achieve organic labor unity in the United States. This was made clear by President Green at a press conference in Miami during the mid-winter session of the executive council.

Mr. Green characterized the final ratification of the AFL-CIO agreement to arbitrate jurisdictional disputes involving affiliates of the two organizations as merely a first, preliminary step toward the ultimate goal of merging the AFL and CIO into a single, united labor movement.

#### Next Logical Step

As evidence of good faith, the next step toward peace should be a supplementary agreement ending raiding by rival unions in the two fields. This was recommended by the executive council as a fundamental organizational policy. It would result in a virtual truce, or armistice, and unquestionably would promote better feeling. Furthermore, when so many millions of American workers still are unorganized it does not seem sensible for a union affiliated with either side to attempt to encroach upon a plant or factory or shipyard where another bona fide union is already established and has contractual relations with the management.

Mr. Green emphasized, however, that this, too, is just another preliminary step and that the AFL will never relax its efforts until the supreme objective of organic unity is won.

He declined to hazard a prediction as to when such a merger could be accomplished. He pointed out that many knotty problems and obstacles still remain in the path of labor peace. But these difficulties, instead of discouraging labor leaders, should inspire them with an unconquerable determination to keep trying to find a workable solution.

#### Current "Raid" Is Provoking

This determination was clearly in evidence at the AFL council meeting and it was the motivating principle behind the council's action. The leaders of the AFL were extremely provoked by the CIO's current raid on the Kaiser shipyards in the Northwest and by several other unjustifiable attacks on established AFL unions, but they did not let this upsetting situation deter them from driving forward toward the main

There is no longer any good reason for a divided labor movement in America. There is no longer any basic cleavages of policy or purpose between the AFL and the CIO. The fact that the two organizations have been able to unite on practically every major issue arising from the war emergency proves that.

#### Division Is Dangerous

But there are many reasons why a divided labor movement can be dangerous to the welfare of all union workers and to the best interests of the nation. The enemies of labor are on the alert. They may be (Continued on Next Page)

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able to make progress while the ranks of labor are split, but they will never succeed in denting a united

We confess that we'd like to see a little more enthusiasm for labor union from the CIO leadership. We'd like to see more action and less lip service in cementing friendlier relations. We believe this will be forthcoming as a natural result of the steps toward peace already taken by the respective peace committees of the two organizations and the new developments that will result when negotiations are resumed.

Lest anyone get the idea that the AFL's desire for labor unity springs from a feeling of weakness, we hasten to cite the latest membership report made public by Secretary-Treasurer George Meany at Miami.

#### Figures vs. No Figures

This report shows that the dues-paid membership of the AFL at the close of 1942 was the highest figure in the history of the Federation-5,954,434. That represents a gain of more than a million members in 1942 and a gain of more than three million members since the CIO went its separate way. We wonder whether the CIO, which started with a nucleus of a million former AFL members, has gained three million duespaying new members since that time. We don't know because the CIO has never made public a report on its dues-paid membership, but we are inclined to doubt whether it can match the AFL gains.

The fact remains that the AFL is now the largest labor organization in the world. Despite that, it is not too proud to renew its invitation to those who left it to return and find a hearty welcome awaiting them.

#### STATE CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS

The State Personnel Board announces examinations for positions in the civil service as follows: General utility men, for handling materials and equipment in the state printing plant at Sacramento, and requiring physical strength (applications to be filed by Feb. 15). Senior radio telephone operator applications by Feb. 20). Housemother, School for the Deaf (applications to be filed in person on Feb. 25 between 1 and 2 p. m., at the School for Deaf, at Berkeley; the written test to be given immediately following the filing of application). Power shovel oilers (applications by Feb. 26). Heavy power shovel operators (applications by Feb. 26). Pianist, for part-time work at the School of Industry at Ione; duties are providing music for regular and special occasions. and include accompanying and training a chorus of male voices (applications by Feb. 26). Information in detail relating to the above-mentioned positions may be had from the State Personnel Board in San Francisco or Sacramento

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Complete medical care, surgery and hospitalization are furnished under the plan by agreement with the California Physicians' Service, a non-profit organization which operates a statewide prepayment medical service. Fees are \$5 a month for a family with children, \$4 for a two-person family, and \$2.50 for a

A medical center is set up in the housing project, supplied with medical equipment and staffed by nurses and one resident physician for each 1500 per-

#### Teamsters Elect

As previously reported in the LABOR CLARION, Al Cameron was named vice-president of Teamsters No. 85. He was the incumbent official.

At the same election the local chose the following as delegates to the State Federation of Labor, from a field of nine candidates: William Blundell, John Boden, William Nealon, Frank Coleman, Elo Wilson and Ed Wafford.

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### Millions Go to Workers In Illegally Withheld Pay

Failure to pay minimum wages of 30 to 40 cents an hour was involved in more than half of the 28,850 establishments where restitution of illegally withheld wages was agreed to or ordered paid in the last fiscal year, says the annual report of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, just submitted to Congress.

Stressing the need for continued enforcement of the Fair Labor Standards Act along with the special services to war agencies which now includes administration of wage stabilization at the primary level, the report, signed by L. Metcalfe Walling, administrator, points out that during the year \$20,460,320 in restitution, or nearly twice the amount found due in the previous twelve months, had been ordered or agreed to be paid to 570,408 workers illegally underpaid under minimum wage or overtime pay provisions.

The stated purpose of Congress in the Act was not only the protection of labor which had not the bargaining power to gain such standards for itself but to prevent the unfair competition in commerce that substandard wages make possible, the report pointed out.

"Following Pearl Harbor the war agencies repeatedly found themselves in urgent need of countrywide inspections to find what the actual situation was in regard to critical materials or policies," the report continued. "Speed and thorough coverage were necessary and they turned to the experienced staff of the division already in the field.

"Thus, in addition to the 74,676 firms inspected for compliance with the provisions of the act, 46,403 inspections were also made for the war agencies, to check records and inventories and find whether firms were complying with price, conservation and priority regulations. Because the staff already was in the field and familiar with it, these inspections could be made at only a fraction of the cost that would have been otherwise necessary.

"Inspections were made simultaneously for compliance with the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act in covered firms, saving considerable time and money and eliminating repeated visits. This also effected a conservation of tires, gasoline and manpower."

### Place City Laborers on Annual Pay

Day laborers on city payrolls are going on a monthly or annual salary basis in a growing number of cities, according to the International City Managers' Association. Demand for their services elsewhere at higher wages is contributing to the trend.

In the last two years cities placing day laborers on a salary with privileges of sick leave, vacation, promotion and retirement benefits have included Dallas, and Detroit and Escanaba, Mich. Milwaukee, which started the move during the depression, with 700 employees, has increased the number so that now only 50 laborers in the entire city service still are paid by the hour.

#### SHISHKIN NAMED TO COMMITTEE

Boris Shishkin, economist of the American Federation of Labor, has been designated as an alternate member of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice. Shishkin was named to serve for William Green, president of the A.F.L., on ocasions when it is not possible for him to attend the meetings of the committee, and will replace Frank Fenton, director of organization of the A.F.L., who has been an alternate member since the launching of the committee.

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Attempts by reactionary congressmen to force adoption of anti-labor legislation destructive to the nation's war effort were denounced by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor. The council sent the following telegram to the Vice President, the Speaker, and the Democratic and Republican leaders of both houses of Congress:

"The executive council of the American Federation of Labor urges you to exert constructive leadership to prevent the enactment of dangerous and foolhardy anti-labor measures now being proposed in Congress.

"These bills would destroy the basic freedoms of American workers, impair labor standards and handcuff the efforts of loyal trade unions to expedite the war production program.

#### Penalty on the Majority

"If a group of soldiers were ot go A.W.O.L., the War Department would never think of placing the entire army in the guard house. Yet this would be precisely the effort of anti-strike legislation now being advanced. It would penalize more than 99 per cent of the nation's soldiers of production who have remained steadfastly on the job for the acts of a small minority.

"Even in normal times the American Federation of Labor is opposed to strikes except as a last resort to remedy injustice. In the present war crisis, we are opposed to strikes for any cause. But we will fight to the limit of our strength to preserve the right to strike, which is just as fundamental a democratic freedom as the right of free speech and free press.

#### Proud of Record

"We are proud of the record the six million members of the Federation have made in avoiding strikes since Pearl Harbor. The amazing progress of war production, as reported by the President to Congress, speaks volumes for the success of labor's voluntary co-operation with the war effort and should make it apparent that compulsory methods are unnecessary as well as un-American.

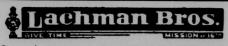
"We oppose impairment of the forty-hour week standard for overtime compensation because it would not add a single hour of work in war production and would result only in a pay cut for our loyal production soldiers. If their income is reduced in this manner, they will be forced to seek upward revisions of their basic pay scales to make up for the loss. This would upset the entire wage stabilization program.

#### Urged to Consider Effects

"We also urge you to consider the dangerous effects of legislation aimed at strangling our trade union organizations. These unions have co-operated fully with the Government during the war crisis and have solved many manpower and operational problems which threatened to impede the war effort. If they are now placed in a legal straitjacket, the war production program is bound to suffer.

"We appeal to you to let our trade unions continue to give constructive service to the nation, unhampered by restrictive legislation.

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Anthony Ballerini, president of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council, and also well known as an official of Production and Aeronautical Lodge 1327 of the Machinists in San Francisco, announced this week that he had forwarded the following communication—which is self-explanatory—to Paul V. McNutt, War Manpower Commissioner, at Washington:

"I read an item in a local newspaper the other day in which you made reference to demanding 48 hours a week for labor in production plants because, as I understand it, production standards are not being met.

"There is a situation in the Bay Area which I am at a loss to understand regarding plants which have been operating 100 per cent on war production in San Francisco. At the present time some of these plants are laying off practically half their crews. Then right across the Bay in Richmond the Government is financing a new plant manufacturing the same products that the plants were in San Francisco and hiring new help.

"I am very much in accord with the statements made by Mr. Jeffers that possibly a lot of lost time and mis-spent monies are resulting from the actions of some young officials who know nothing about the production industries.

"I am sure that if you sent an investigator to the San Francisco area to check on some of the ridiculous things that are going on as far as production is concerned and the waste of materials and monies, you would agree I have done my duty in notifying you of this situation.

"We have an organization here in San Francisco which can supply up to 10,000 people—mostly women—who can and could do the work which is being taken away from this vicinity. I am speaking of experienced people. We have seen the light of day here. A year and a half ago we contemplated such a need for the future in training our people to take over production operations. We find now after they have been trained that we have no place to put them, and we have to let them go shopping from one place to another for a job. This naturally results in lost time and lost production.

"I emphasize that there is a lot of monies of the Government being wasted due to the shutting down of one plant and opening another plant to accomplish the same operation. Can you explain to me why this is being done?

"If there is any co-operation that you would want in this area, my office is at your disposal. I am vitally concerned because I represent more than 400,000 members of organized labor in the four Western states—Oregon, Washington, California and Nevada—being the president of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades District Council, as well as an official of a Bay Area union."

#### Ben Tillett Dies at 82

Ben Tillett, veteran trade union leader and fiery champion of the dock workers for nearly fifty years, died in London January 27. He was 82.

Born in Bristol in 1862, Tillett began work in a brickyard when only eight years old. As a young man, he became a dock worker and organized the Dockers' Union. In 1889, with John Burns, who recently died, he led the great London dock strike which resulted in a tremendous impetus to union organization among lower-paid British workers.

Tillett was a pioneer organizer of the General Federation of Trade Unions, the National Transport Workers' Federation and the International Transport Workers' Federation. He served twice in Parliament as Labor party member. He made several lecture tours in the United States.

#### Labor Council Officers

In the minutes of the Labor Council, appearing on page fifty of this issue, will be found the official roster of the Council's officers and committeemen for the new term. There was only one contest in the election, this being for positions on the executive committee, and the successful candidates' names are contained in the report of the election committee.

#### \$1000 War Bond Purchase

Continuing the financial barrage which it has been laying down against the Axis powers ever since it got the range, Elevator Operators and Starters' Union No. 117 last week announced the purchase of another \$1000 in War Bonds. The new purchase makes a total of \$14,000 forwarded to Washington from their treasury by the members of the organization for the purpose of transmittal in the most explosive and speediest manner possible to produce further jitters in Berlin and Tokio.

#### BELGIAN UNION LEADER DEAD

The death of Jan Chapelle, secretary of the Belgian Seamen's Union and one of the outstanding figures of the Belgian trade union movement, has been reported from London, where he had gone after the occupation of Belgium by German forces and where he had been active and successful in reconstituting the shattered forces of the Belgian seafarers' movement.



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## Score Victory Over Anti-Labor Forces in State Legislature

Scoring a complete victory over a sneak punch aimed by anti-labor forces within and without the State Legislature, representatives of the California State Federation of Labor were successful in securing the passage of a bill of the greatest importance to the war effort which, without changing the present law in any way, empowers the Governor to relax the 8-hour day and 48-hour week limitation for women employees whenever an employer engaged in an industry essential to the war gives sufficient proof of his need for such a relaxation.

#### Had Two-Fold Purpose

The struggle over this legislation (Assembly Bill 770) was twofold: To prevent the passage of a dangerously reactionary bill, and to enact a law which would ease the tight manpower situation in California's war industries, and at the same time retain the laws which have for so long protected California's women workers. In its original version, A. B. 770 would have wiped the 8-hour day and 48-hour week limitation out of existence, establishing in their place a 10-hour day and a 60-hour week, and forbidding the Industrial Welfare Commission to make any rules or regulations calling for fewer hours than the latter-mentioned for the duration of the war.

Lending even greater significance to this struggle is the fact that it brought out into the open, at last, the secret machinations of certain legislators and industry legislative representatives whose disloyalty to the labor-industry program of co-operation agreed upon in order to best serve the war effort had been felt from the opening days of the session.

#### In Disregard of Harmony

Notwithstanding the sincere and honest attempts of the State Federation of Labor to maintain unity during the session of the Legislature, some of the industry representatives, in complete disregard of the spirit which had been indorsed by the Speaker of the Assembly, the Speaker pro tem of the Senate, and the Governor, had several bills introduced whose purpose was the emasculation of the Labor Code through the elimination of the protective provisions for women and minors, under the pretext of helping the war effort.

The State Federation of Labor's representatives immediately advised the backers of these bills as well as their legislative sponsors that the representatives of labor were prepared to offer a bill, entitled "An Act to Increase Production by Providing

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for Exemptions for Various Requirements Relating to Employment and Working Conditions of Employees," which would encompass the entire subject matter and afford sufficient relief to industry without amending the Labor Code, or subjecting women employees in any way to the risks of accidents and impaired health.

Nevertheless, in spite of the promise of the representatives of industry and the Legislature to confer further with the State Federation of Labor and other representatives before taking any action on any of the bills which had been submitted, A. B. 770 was placed over the desk in the Assembly in the closing hours of the session on Monday, January 25, without reference to a committee.

#### Sneak Meeting Called

Neither this bill nor any of its provisions had ever been discussed with the representatives of labor, who were holding their bill in abeyance pending such a conference. Instead, a sneak meeting of the governmental agencies and committee was called at about 11:30 on Tuesday morning to consider A. B. 770. There was no attempt on the part either of the Speaker of the House or of any of the committee members to notify the labor representatives, and it must therefore be assumed that it was their intention to hold a quick meeting and vote this bill out with a "do pass" recommendation. In order to keep the labor representatives from having an opportunity to be heard on the matter, this had to be done with the consent and approval of the industry representatives, the Speaker of the House, the committee chairman, and possibly other members of the committee.

#### Labor Was on Guard

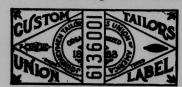
Fortunately, the State Federation of Labor's representatives were sufficiently alert to catch this maneuver, and they were present at the committee hearing to voice their protest against this unnecessary piece of legislation. In spite of the protests of labor and its evident desire to co-operate and afford all necessary relief to industry, the bill was voted out of the committee by a vote of 13 to 7.

During the hearing it became clear that some members of the committee and the industry sponsors of the measure were attempting to leave the entirely false impression that Governor Warren was in favor of this bill, since he had recently refused to relax the Labor Code provisions for women employees, contending-and rightly so-that the Governor had no authority to suspend any state law without direct grant of such authority by the Legislature. President Haggerty proceeded at once to Governor Warren, with the result that the Governor called a conference in his office, on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, of the sponsors of A. B. 770, Assemblymen Lyons and Maloney, with President Haggerty representing the opposition to this measure.

#### Governor Makes His Position Clear

Governor Warren made his position unmistakably clear at this conference, stating that he had not been advised of the contents of A. B. 770 and had, therefore, never notified anyone of his position on it; that he did not believe it was necessary to amend the

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Labor Code at this time in view of the fair attitude expressed by the representatives of labor and their complete willingness to grant the needed relief to industry, as demonstrated by the bill they were prepared to submit granting powers to the Governor through proper legislative action to relax the 8-hour law for women upon a proper showing of need by any employer engaged in an industry essential to the war effort; and finally, that he was vigorously opposed to setting a 10-hour day and a 60-hour week for women, which, if enacted, would automatically destroy California's 8-hour laws for women which have been on the statutes for so many years.

#### Labor Proposal Accepted

Upon the request of the Governor, a conference was held by the representatives of industry, the two sponsors of A. B. 770, and the labor representatives, the outcome of which was that the entire bill proposed by labor was written into A. B. 770 and its original language was stricken.

A. B. 770 has now passed both the Assembly and the Senate and will unquestionably be signed by the Governor, as he is just as anxious as the California State Federation of Labor to give full aid and support to industry in increasing essential war pro-

#### Tribute to Labor Representatives

Before bringing down the gavel that recessed the fifty-fifth session of the California State Legislature until March 8, Speaker Charles Lyons paid particular tribute to the splendid and constructive way in which the representatives of organized labor had conducted themselves at all times in regard to the speedy and successful enactment of all necessary emergency legislation, and in particular the enactment of the all-important War Powers Bill and A. B. 770.

Of exceeding importance, however, in connection with A. B. 770, has been the exposure of the undercover moves of certain representatives of industry, which has brought squarely into the open the question as to what is the attitude of the majority of industry toward the legislative truce proposed by the State Federation of Labor and apparently heartily agreed to by industry. The Federation's determination to make the truce formula operative has been firm and undeviating. We earnestly hope for cooperation from industry in disciplining its own people and so preventing the whole session from becomingat such a critical time—a wasteful, ignominious struggle over class legislation.

We expect industry to show greater interest and responsibility, to prove its sincerity. Either there is going to be a truce or there isn't.

#### SOUND FILMS AVAILABLE

Two new 16-mm. sound films of 800 feet length, "The Work of the Rescue Unit" and "A New Fire Bomb," have been produced by the U.S. Government, and released through the Office of Civilian Defense. They may be borrowed upon application to the department of Visual Instruction, 301 California Hall, University of California, Berkeley. There is a 50-cent service charge and, due to the limited supply of prints, it is requested that first, second and third choice of dates be given when application is made.



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## Theodore Johnson Called to Rest

A true soldier was lost to the ranks of labor last Wednesday morning when Theodore Johnson passed away, at the age of 85. It was in the ranks that his life had been spent, his ambition seemingly at all times being none other than to serve faithfully in the tasks assigned him, together with those he voluntarily placed upon himself—leaving to others whatever of honors or pecuniary reward his labors might bring.

The final summons came at St. Joseph's Home, where he had resided since 1938, following his retirement from active duty as legal adviser to the San Francisco Labor Council and assistant to Secretary O'Connell in the headquarters of the Council. Some time prior to his retirement he had been the victim of an automobile accident, from which due to his advanced age he never recovered, although he persisted in remaining at his post for many months, so great was his dislike for idleness.

#### Studious and Busy Life

For many years, "Teddy," as some affectionately called him, had been known as the "work horse" of the Labor Council and the local labor movement—and nothing could please him better than to be busy at some of the detail work in the office or to be at study among his law books and works of reference in pursuit of knowledge that he hoped would benefit in some manner those who toil.

He sought the companionship of those who were like-minded, and only rarely, and for brief periods, indulged in activities which others deem pleasure and recreation. And when he did so indulge it was usually to be accompanied by someone, as his guest, for whom he wished to lighten the burden or provide enjoyment.

#### Aided the Young in Studies

He was better pleased to have a group of young men come to the Council office at night and guide them in such studies as they might be pursuing, usually in that of the law, or of the labor movement, giving them freely of his time and the vast store of knowledge which he possessed.

Thorough and painstaking in everything he undertook, the hour of the day or night meant little until the task was completed. The reports which he prepared for the Labor Council over a period of years, and a wide range of subjects, were exhaustive in details and argument. And there were few subjects or tasks given him that found him totally unprepared to accomplish.

#### Gave Library to Council

He was a master of several languages, and his field of reading was evidenced in the library which he had accumulated, at great expense to himself, and which he presented to the Labor Council upon his retirement. It now occupies a room in the Labor Temple, and a plaque placed on the door by the Council designates it as the "Theodore Johnson Library."

#### Native of Sweden

His had been a remarkable life. A native of Sweden, he had been attracted to education early in life, and later he studied law at the University of Stockholm, where he had as a classmate the present King of Sweden. He arrived in the United States in 1880, but notwithstanding his education found himself handicapped in the language of the new country, and was compelled to accept employment at manual labor

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in various fields, and by stages he came to California, finally arriving in Los Angeles.

His entrance into the labor movement began with membership in the old Knights of Labor. Going to Sacramento, he was employed as a waiter in the Golden Eagle hotel, then and for many years thereafter, the leading hostelry of the state capital. In that city he was admitted to the bar, after passing the test before the Supreme Court with an exceptional rating. Later he came to San Francisco, and found employment in the Tivoli cafe, now out of existence but well known to old San Franciscans.

#### Helped Organize Central Body

He was then a member of the Waiters' Union, and later served for a number of years as its secretary, his membership in that organization being maintained to the end. He was one of the founders of the Federated Trades, the central labor body of the city of an earlier day, and later to be succeeded by the present Labor Council. In the latter body he soon attained prominence as a delegate and a member of its law and legislative committee.

#### Aids in Preparing Legislation

Finally he was employed as the Council's legal adviser and entered upon his duties in the Council office, and since that time had been instrumental in the preparation of numerous pieces of legislation sponsored by the labor movement both of the state and city.

Deceased had a life membership in Office Employees No. 13188. He had joined that organization in October, 1920, and aided in its early days of organization, and in later years the union honored him with life membership, as did the Waiters,

#### Honored His Adopted Country

None were more thoroughly equipped with knowledge of the labor movement in general, but he was thoroughly imbued with the principles of the American Federation of Labor and the government of the United States, and defended them wholeheartedly and with vigor and persistency. And he was the perfect gentleman at all times and under all circumstances, and his sympathy and longings were toward the welfare of the young. May his soul rest in peace.

The remains are at the parlors of McAvoy O'Hara, and the funeral will be held tomorrow (Saturday) morning at 10:30 o'clock, followed by interment at Cypress Lawn. Surviving is one sister, who resides in Sweden.

#### INVITES NEGROES TO SIGN

George H. Googe, southern representative of the American Federation of Labor, has invited Negro Carpenters' Union No. 1960, Savannah, Ga., to sign and become a party to a closed shop agreement between the A.F.L., its affiliated bodies, and the Mac-Evoy Shipbuilding Corporation of Savannah.

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## S. F. Musician New Officer In International Union

An international union has reached into San Francisco and taken a popular official for high position. This became known when announcement was made that Eddie B. Love had been named vice-president of the American Federation of Musicians and that in such capacity he becomes the assistant to President James C. Petrillo of the A.F.M.

"Eddie" is well and most favorably known to the San Francisco labor movement, having for the past ten years been secretary of Musicians' Union No. 6, a local with which he became affiliated in 1920.

Though regretting the loss of his activity in local labor circles his friends here congratulate him on his advancement and wish him naught but success and satisfaction with his new duties. His experience as a member and official of the strong, highly regarded and militant Local 6 will undoubtedly prove valuable to the international organization of the Musicians.

#### Invite Chilean Labor Official

President William Green announced last week that the American Federation of Labor and the CIO have jointly invited Bernard Ibanez, secretary general of the Chilean Federation of Labor, to visit this country as the guest of organized labor.

The invitation to Senor Ibanez, it was explained, preceded the action of the Chilean government in breaking off relations with the Axis powers and giving full support to the United Nations.

Green said it has always been the desire of the AFL to promote friendlier relations between the labor movements of South and Central American countries and labor in the United States. He expressed the hope that the visit of the Chilean labor leader will serve to promote that objective.

When he arrives in this country, Senor Ibanez will discuss mutual objectives and problems with American labor leaders and will be invited to visit various war production plants in this country so that he can carry back to his trade union colleagues at home a first-hand report of America's gigantic war program.



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### Veteran of Foreign Wars Official Takes Vigorous Stand Against Anti-Labor Measure in State Legislature

Taking a vigorous and definite stand against pending anti-labor legislation at Sacramento, and spe cifically criticizing what is known as the Bashore bill (A. B. 485), M. C. Hermann, Quartermaster Adjutant, Department of California, Veterans of Foreign Wars, this week attacked any and all attempts to hamstring labor at a time when millions of working men are in uniform and unable to protect their own post-victory interests. Hermann declared:

"Twenty-five years ago the long-haired stay-athomes clamped prohibition upon the American public when hundreds of thousands of our soldiers and sailors were fighting on the fields of France or serving their country on hostile seas. It then required fifteen years of bitter campaigning to erase that restrictive amendment as the law of the land."

#### Attempt to Rob Labor

"Now, a quarter of a century after that first attack on the rights of absentee soldiers," Hermann continued, "we find that the 'economic royalists,' following the same dubious tactics, are attempting to rob labor of a position of equality in bargaining and to reduce labor to the status of a mere commodity in what may be a demoralized and cut-throat market

"I refer specifically to what is known as the Bashore bill," Hermann explained, "introduced in the California Legislature on January 18 by Assemblyman Lee Bashore of Glendora. This legislator, who in reality is a representative of 'big business,' proposes, after wrapping himself snugly in the American flag, that both unions and employees alike shall be compelled to relax 'closed shop' contracts in order to give employment to non-union Veterans on all projects using public funds."

#### Evil Outweighs Any Good

Explaining that what Bashore calls the "closed shop" is in reality the "union shop," Hermann stated that while he recognized the individual hardships caused by isolated instances of excessive initiation fees, nevertheless the dangers of a complete open shop policy far outweighed the occasional misuse of the union shop system.

"Our organization," he continued, "firmly believes that there should be a preference on behalf of war veterans when all other factors are equal, but the fact remains that the advantages slowly and painfully won by labor during the last forty years have primarily resulted from organization, and that any attempt to destroy labor unions, no matter how disguised, becomes a definite anti-social program. I am not willing to see the wages and living standards of ninety-nine men sacrificed or put in jeopardy in order that a single individual—no matter what his situation may be-shall be put to work on a so-called open shop basis. This Bashore bill should be considered as the twin brother of the proposed legislation which would perpetuate the 'hot cargo' bill and thus destroy the specific time limitations set up in the act as passed by referendum last November.'

#### It Was a Bombshell

The very emphatic and courageous stand taken by Mr. Hermann is indeed to be commended. Coming as it does from an officer of an organization whose members are to be protected (?) under the Bashore measure, the condemnation meted out to it is all the more outstanding. It is indicative, also, that the Veterans of Foreign Wars have no intention of being taken into anyone's camp and so allowing themselves to be used for promotional purposes on any kind of legislation, particularly the brand that would create

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dissension in the nation at this time. Mr. Hermann's straightforward and clear analysis of the bill, and its consequences if enacted, is a veritable bombshell exploding right in the faces of the anti-labor group at Sacramento.

#### Summary of the Bill

For the information of those who may not be acquainted with the Bashore bill, it may be stated that it proposes to add a chapter, containing four sections, to the Military and Veterans' Code. The first of the proposed sections provides that "any person who compels any veteran to agree or promise to join or remain a member of a labor organization in order to obtain employment or remain in an employment relationship where such employment is on, or in the production, selling or distribution of materials or supplies for, any public works of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, or any instrumentality or agency of either, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

It provides further that anyone who strikes, pickets or threatens so to do to compel or coerce a person to violate the above-quoted section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and that any veteran shall have the right of court action against anyone violating the two code sections, for treble the amount of damages he has suffered. The fourth section defines the meaning of "veteran' as used in the chapter.

#### TELEGRAPH MERGER BILL

The Senate last week passed, by a vote of 70 to 10, a bill to permit merger of the Postal Telegraph Company and Western Union. The bill now goes to the House, where a similar Senate approved measure died last session. The Senate rejected, 49 to 29, an amendment by Senator Taft of Ohio to reduce from five to two years the period for which the consolidated company would be required to guarantee employment for employees of the two concerns.

#### League for Service Men Election

The one-year-old San Francisco League for Service Men, at its first annual meeting last week, unanimously re-elected its officers and directors. John F. Shelley and Alexander Watchman, presidents, respectively, of the San Francisco Labor Council and the Building and Construction Trades Council, were among those re-elected to the League's board of di-

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### Summons of Grim Reaper Comes to John S. Horn

A profound shock came to labor circles in San Francisco and throughout the State on learning of the death of John S. Horn, which occurred at Veterans' Hospital in West Los Angeles last week.

The deceased was a member of the Brewery Workers' Union and one of the best known figures in the labor movement of California, in the ranks of which he was highly regarded, for his faithfulness and devotion, and the activity and sound judgment he had shown in promoting its welfare. His counsel and aid often had been sought and the response had always been freely and generously given.

#### Injury on Train

His death followed almost immediately upon his return from a trip made to Cincinnati to attend a meeting of the executive board of his international union, and which also had been attended by William Ahern and Martin Christian of San Francisco, who returned to California with him.

Taken to a hospital for head injuries, at first believed to be of minor consequence, suffered on the train during the return trip, he never recovered. It was stated that at New Orleans he had complained that his head had struck a metal object in his Pullman berth when the train was jolted in switching. As the train proceeded west he further complained of his injury, and also suffered dizzy spells, and it was necessary to call an ambulance to remove him to his home on arrival in Los Angeles. Later he was taken to the hospital.

#### State Commission Member

At the time of his passing Horn was a member, and chairman, of the Employment Commission of California. He was first appointed to that body in 1935 by Governor Merriam.

In 1911 he became affiliated with his union, later becoming an assistant in the office of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, to which body he was a delegate for twenty-five years, and served from 1922 to 1926 as its secretary. Also he was a member of the Board of Freeholders which drafted the present city charter of Los Angeles, and had served as a member of both the Board of Public Works and the Civil Service Commission of that city. In 1925 he helped to found the Central Employment Bureau for Veterans. The civic honors bestowed upon him, however, never caused him to forget his union card, and this characteristic, together with a kindly and jovial disposition, gathered to him a wide circle of friends both within and without the labor movement.

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## Income Tax: Affecting Union Members

The Bureau of Internal Revenue at Washington has prepared a series of articles in relation to the federal income tax as it affects members of labor unions and other wage workers. The first article appeared in the Labor Clarion's issue of January 8. Following is a continuation of the series:

#### CREDIT FOR DEPENDENTS

A taxpayer is entitled to a credit for each person other than husband or wife, whether related to him or not, and whether living with him or not, who during the taxable year was dependent upon and received his chief support from the taxpayer, provided the dependent was either (a) under 18 years of age, or (b) incapable of self-support because mentally or physically defective.

The credit for dependents is based upon actual financial dependency and not mere legal dependency. It is not necessary that the dependent be related to the taxpayer, but the taxpayer must have provided more than one-half of the support, or there is no dependency.

#### Definition of Term

The term "mentally or physically defective" includes not only those who are mentally afflicted and physically crippled, but also persons who, by reason of old age or impaired health, are incapable of self-support. The state of mental or physical defect need not be of a permanent nature, but if it existed for only a portion of the year, then the credit for dependent can be claimed only for that portion of the year during which the dependent was supported by the taxpayer.

A person may not acquire a credit for dependent by reason of support of a person qualifying as a dependent if, as a result of such support, he acquires a head of family exemption, but may acquire a credit for dependent by reason of additional persons qualifying as dependents, whom he supports. Thus, if a person claims head of family exemption on account of support of an aged mother or father, incapable of self-support, or a child, he would not be entitled to a credit for such dependent; but if he supported more than one such person he could claim credit for such additional persons provided they were under 18 years of age or incapable of self support.

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The credit for a dependent, allowable to a taxpayer filing on Form 1040, is \$350, and is proportionate with the number of months of dependency. Thus, for a child born on July 1, the credit allowable would be \$175 (for six months), and if a child became 18 years of age on July 1 the credit allowable would be \$175. One-half a month or less is not counted as a month; more than one-half a month is counted as a month in calculating the credit.

A credit for \$385 for each dependent on July 1 of the year is allowable to a taxpayer using Simplified Form 1040A.

#### HEAD OF FAMILY EXEMPTION

A single person, or a married person not living with husband or wife, is entitled to a personal exemption of \$1200 for the year if he can qualify as head of a family. A head of family is "an individual who actually supports and maintains in one household one or more individuals who are closely connected with him by blood relationship, relationship by marriage or by adoption, and whose right to exercise family control and provide for these dependent individuals is based upon some moral or legal obligation. . . ."

Examples of head of family status would be a widower or widow who maintained a home for a dependent child, or a son who supported and maintained a household for a dependent father or mother. In order to meet the test of actual support and maintenance as head of a family, the benefactor must furnish more than one-half of the support and maintenance.

#### "In One Household"

The term "in one household" ordinarily means under one roof, but if a father is absent on business or a child or other dependent is away at school, or on a visit, the common home being still maintained, the head of family exemption would still apply. Where a parent is obliged to maintain his dependent children with relatives or in a boarding house while he lives elsewhere, the additional exemption may still apply. If, however, without necessity, the dependent continuously makes his home elsewhere, his benefactor is not the head of a family irrespective of the question of support.

The term "closely connected by blood relationship" applies to a person's progenitors and lineal descendants, to his brothers or sisters, whether by the whole or half blood, and to his uncles, aunts, nephews, and nieces. Irrespective of any legal obligation of the taxpayer to support such dependent relatives a moral obligation to do so exists, and if the individual is actually supporting and maintaining in one household relatives of this degree he is entitled to head of family exemption.

A taxpayer is considered to be "closely connected by marriage" with his step-sisters and step-brothers, but whether his right to exercise family control and provide for these individuals is based upon some

### Meeting of Amusement, Allied Crafts in Pasadena

Condemnation of all sneak joints which violate the prohibition against the sale of liquor after hours, and the disciplining of its members who act in collusion with such unscrupulous employers, was unanimously decided upon by the Federated Amusement and Allied Crafts at its meeting on January 29 at Pasadena.

Organized some three years ago, the Federation is composed of bartenders, culinary workers, actors, stagehands and musicians of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, with twenty-six affiliated locals and some 30,000 members. Its officers are J. K. ("Spike") Wallace, president; J. W. Van Hook, vice-president, and C. Hyans, secretary. A telegram of congratulations was sent to Secretary Vandeleur of the California State Federation of Labor on his splendid recovery. At the adjournment of the meeting the delegates stood in silence for one minute in honor of John Horn, labor and civic leader who recently died

Walter Cowan, international representative of the Culinary Alliance, reported to the delegates at great length on the present efforts of the culinary crafts to obtain emergency rates in their pending negotiations with the employers, and the determination of the unions to obtain a hearing for their just claims. Upon the conclusion of the reports an elaborate round of entertainment was staged, and with dancing brought the gathering to a high peak of real enjoyment. The next meeting will be held in San Bernardino.

#### SHORT WEEK FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

New Jersey has established a five-day week for all state employees to aid in conserving heat, light, power, gasoline and rubber. There will be no reduction in hours worked or volume of work.

#### A Word to Mrs. War Worker

Wives of workers will be interested in this statement which comes from Dr. Robert S. Goodhart, of the nutrition division of the Office of Defense Health and Welfare Services:

"No more than one-third of the daily protein requirements of workers need be supplied by animal protein (pork, ham, beef and lamb). This can be secured as satisfactorily from poultry, fish, cheese, milk and eggs, and variety meats as well. The balance of the protein needs can be supplied readily from vegetable sources such as whole grain or restored cereals, whole grain or enriched bread, peas, dried beans, lentils, soybeans, peanuts and nuts."

In other words, learn what foods give you values equal to meats, and you won't have to worry about the high cost of living—well, not so much, anyway.

moral or legal obligation must be decided upon the facts in the particular case. The same considerations apply to the status of a taxpayer because of support furnished to his father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, and sister-in-law. First cousins by blood, and cousins of lesser degree, are not regarded as so "closely connected by blood relationship," as to give rise to a head of family exemption.

A legal guardian who may maintain and support in his home a dependent ward is not entitled to the personal exemption as head of a family if the ward was not connected with him by relationship of blood, marriage, or adoption; nor is a taxpayer entitled to exemption as head of a family by virtue of maintenance and support of a child not legally adopted.

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#### Run o' the Hook

By FRED E. HOLDERBY President of Typographical Union No. 21

On Wednesday of next week, February 10, the membership will be called upon to vote at a general election, when a proposition will be presented by the International executive council providing for an increase of one-half of 1 per cent in monthly assessments, the same to be used to build up a depleted General Fund and to meet the increased cost of conducting the Union Printers Home under wartime conditions. This assessment would continue in effect for a period of eight months, which on average weekly earnings of \$50 would entail a maximum increase in a member's assessment for the entire period of between eight and nine dollars. The proposition to be voted on reads as follows:

"Shall a special assessment of one-half (½) of one

"Shall a special assessment of one-half (½) of one (1) per cent be levied upon total earnings of all active members (except sick and disabled members and pensioners) for a period of eight months, beginning March 1, 1943, and ending October 31, 1943, with the receipts therefrom to be allocated 75 per cent to the General Fund and 25 per cent to the Union Printers Home Fund?"

The 65 cents per month per capita which is paid

The 65 cents per month per capita which is paid by all members is, aside from the sale of supplies to local secretaries, the entire revenue supporting the General Fund and the Union Printers Home Fund. An additional 5 cents per month is assessed for publication of the *Typographical Journal*. Of this 65 cents per capita, 40 cents goes toward conducting the Union Printers Home and 30 cents goes into the General Fund, and is used to cover all expenses of the International Union.

International Union.

It is understandable that the soaring prices of all commodities which must be purchased by the Union and the Home have added greatly to the expense of conducting both. This, added to the fact that thousands of our members are now serving in the armed forces and are exempt from paying any dues whatever, has created a condition which the membership must overcome.

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The polls will open at 12 o'clock noon at the secretary's chapel on the day of election for the accommodation of unattached members and those members affiliated with chapels which have no ballot box, and will close at 6 p. m.

We were this week informed that the executive council of the International Union had reconsidered a previous ruling on Proposition No. 2, covering dues of our members on defense work, which had been placed before the membership at the November 18 election. On January 25 President Baker, at the request of several secretaries of local unions, submitted the following question to the council:

"Shall the action of the executive council in ruling that members employed in defense industries and upon defense projects who do not retain priority at the printing business must pay dues and assessments upon actual earnings be reconsidered and it be held that such members as do not retain priority at

the printing business shall be classified as 'not at the trade' and pay dues and assessments based upon the minimum scale of the union to which they are attached?" tached?

The executive council voted in the affirmative on

Notice of this reconsideration and change in status of defense workers was received on February 2, in sufficient time to change the method of collecting

E. L. Simpson of the Schwabacher-Frey chapel was on Monday morning struck by an automobile in front of the office as he was reporting for work. The impact was with such force that he injured another

pedestrian against whom he was thrown. At this writing he had been temporarily released from the hospital after a thorough examination which disclosed that he may be compelled to undergo an operation

operation.

Felix Weiler, Jr., son of F. J. Weiler, well known in the commercial branch in San Francisco, has just received appointment to the police department in Berkeley. An honorary member of No. 21, Felix, Jr., has for some years been an employee at the police garage in the East Bay city.

Arthur P. Powell, who had spent some time at the Union Printers Home a year ago and returned in good health, is again seriously ill, and it was necessary on Monday of this week to call for emergency treatment, after which he was taken to the hospital. Machinists Mate 2/c B. R. Lessard, Examiner operator, who had not been heard from for some time, writes from "some 4000 miles from the Golde" Gate." He says he expects a "leave" some time in April, and he intends to use every endeavor to arrange for a visit home.

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Louis Reuben of the Call-Bulletin chapel, who has been absent from his machine for the past month, is still seriously ill and confined to his room.

S. B. Davis of the Call-Bulletin proofroom, who is now in the defense industry and employed on aircraft manufacture, sends word from Los Angeles that Mrs. Davis presented him with a seven-pound boy on January 30—the President's birthday.

V. E. MacCarter, machinist in the Examiner chapel the past ten years, and who recently joined the Merchant Marine, is now located in Los Angeles and is in line for a commission in the Naval Reserve.

#### News Chapel Notes-By L. L. Heagney

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Lou Montarnal, accepted by the Army and granted a week fom January 26 to arrange his affairs, will be in Monterey by the time the LABOR CLARION reaches readers. Philosophically, Lou observed: "It's just a chore, and the sooner we get to working over the Nips and the Nazis the sooner we'll get home."
That he did "scriven out a little screed," as C. V. Liggett expressed it, brought first news of him to his former colleagues in nearly a year. Presently at Phoenix, he is doing the job shops, finds the going good except one could "fry an egg on a plowed field."
"I understand," he continues, "there's a shortage of meat out there. That doesn't affect us here for they're starting to use horse meat. Hope I don't eat any of my old friends I used to bet on."
"A" gas books promise to put roses in the cheek and spring in the step. For instance, Lou Henno walked two and a half miles from his home on his day off, to his favorite bakery for Danish pastry and found that that toothsome confection is also subject to some wartime restrictions. So he walked two more miles to see a show then hoofed it home.

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"I intend to stick it out for the duration," Jay Palmiter determined, "but right afterward I intend to go on the pensions. There are a number of good ones for a fellow, such as Ham and Eggs, \$30-Every-Thursday, Townsend Plan or what have you."

It may be because the proofroom contains some good-looking girls, anyway half a dozen of our glamorous youth usually congregate there, to entertain perhaps, although so far no producers have offered stage contracts. One day along came Bert Coleman—a wit himself—and wise-cracked: "Who said stagedoor johnnies had all gone to war?"

Years ago George Davison quit here and established himself on a small farm just outside Mendocino City. Gassed in World War I, Davidson's physical condition called for plenty of the great outdoors, and he returned here last week merely for medical attention.

A playful boy or two hid a squirt gun used for spraying gasoline on gummed-up linotype parts, and stopped the machinists dead. Now some are wondering what calamity would befall if the boys had also hid the screwdriver and the graphite can.

He's on the shady side of 40—is Gene Davis—and is discovering much truth in the old saying, "You don't start to live 'til you're 40 and then you start to fall to pieces." For Gene has been shelved the past two weeks, most of the time in his bunk.

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trees, if conversation is a reliable guide. It's surprising how many farmers around here we've been calling printers. "Squire" Harry Cross' nursery is—wa-al, not in full production, but doin' tolerable. Then there's Eddie Haefer with a promising yard of radishes, beets, lettuce, etc.; while Harold Krueger, Kenny Krause, George Holland, Eddie O'Rourke and others have their gardens coming along in fine shape. Lester Brewster is a specialist; his whole yard is dedicated to the production of carrots. "The way my folks go for 'em," he declared, "it's either raise 'em or have 'em raise a riot—and I certainly don't make enough to buy 'em." Another specialist is Clarence Bossler, who conceived the notion of using a former lawn, the glass-inclosed roof of his apartment house, and did, with permission, of course. His penthouse garden is growing row on row of onions, his favorite fruit.

#### Golf News-By Fred N. Leach

The first tournament of 1943 started the new year off auspiciously indeed, when twenty-four members of the San Francisco Union Printers' Golf Association and their guests journeyed to Sharp Park last Sunday and found: (1) a beautiful day, and just perfect for that grand old game, (2) Sharp Park in very fine condition in spite of the heavy rains of the week before, and (3) the hot shots nearly all off their sticks, and the not-so-hot shots off theirs too—with resultant scores plenty high.

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Here are the winners: Championship class—Ronald Cameron 90-8-82, Eddie Schmieder 102-15-87. Class "A"—Howard Watson 91-17-74, Wayne Dye 93-19-74, R. C. Kimbrough 97-20-77, Art Linkous 102-20-82. Class "B"—Alston Teel 103-27-76, Paul Gallagher 110-30-80, Jack Tappendorff 106-24-82, Earl Browne 112-30-82. Guest Flight—Charles Boyle 93-18-75, Fred Ventura 90-13-77, Frank Farquharsson 94-17-77. The hole-in-one contest was won by Wayne Dye, whose ball rested 18 feet 10 inches from the pin; second place went to Art Linkous with a shot of 23 feet 10 inches away from the hole, and Ron Cameron's 29 feet 10 inches took third place.

The locale of February's tournament has not been decided yet. However, it will be close in—and in all probability will be either Sharp Park or El Camino. Most of the membership have purchased annual membership cards for 1943, so the Golf Association continues to thrive despite the war and its attendant restrictions.

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#### Mailer Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

Don't forget to vote on the proposition of levying an assessment of one-half of one per cent, in the referendum to be held next Wednesday, February 10. Despite the vote of 12,158 for, to 37,004 against (majority against, 24,846), on the proposition of increasing per capita from 70 to 95 cents, in the referenrum held on November 18, 1942, the majority of the executive council (Secretary-Treasurer Randolph dissenting) ordered the proposition of levying one-half of one per cent sent to referendum on February 10.

T. J. Porter, president of the Toronto (Canada) Typographical Union, editor of the Typographical Bulletin, published monthly by that union, in the January issue comments on the question of an increase in dues, as follows: "Our stand on this proposition is still the same. We are opposed to any increase in dues at this time. Certainly until a sincere effort is made to curtail expenditures at headquarters. We honestly believe this can be done, and we congratulate Secretary-Treasurer Randolph on his wisdom in following what appears to be the dictates of the membership. Surely what Mr. Randolph has accomplished with the Journal could at least be tried by the other members of the Council on other matters. Many members are of the opinion that the staff of representatives now employed by the I.T.U. could be cut in half and so save quite a large sum of money. We subscribe to this opinion." We are heartily in accord with the logical analysis of the question by Mr. Porter, the outspoken president of the Toronto Typographical Union.

William ("Red") Rambo, of the Examiner chapel, and Eugene Pritchard, of the Chronicle chapel, have received official notice of their coming induction into military service within a few days.

Harry I. Christie, president of the Board of Education, also now a member of the official staff of the H. P. Melnikow National Labor Bureau, Inc., was tendered a testimonial banquet last week at a local hotel as retiring secretary of the Allied Printing Trades Council. Among those present were John O'Connell, secretary of the Labor Council, who presided as toastmaster; Sheriff "Dan" Murphy, George Spooner, L. A. Ireland, secretary of the Employing Printers' Association; E. F. Bitter, secretary of the Newspaper Publishers Association, and the executive committee of Mailers' Union No. 18, of which union Christie-more familiarly known among co-workers as "The Doc"-served several years as president, and also as secretary of the scale committee of the

#### NEEDLING THE NAZIS

An old Dutch woman was arrested for listening to a broadcast from London and was haled before a Nazi court. "Why did you do this?" asked the judge. "Oh, but Your Honor," she replied, "Hitler told us he would be in London in October, 1940. I have been listening every day since then. I would not want to miss der Fuehrer."

#### POWDERED ORANGE JUICE

The California Foods Research Institute will soon announce that a successful method of producing powdered orange juice without use of heat and with only 2 per cent vitamin loss is ready for commercial development, Business Week says. Institute spokesmen insist the product "tastes exactly like fresh orange juice."

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#### LABOR JOINS NEW YORK RELIEF DRIVE

Unions affiliated with the A.L.F., C.I.O. and Railroad Brotherhoods will conduct a drive through which the New York Labor War Chest will aim at raising \$4,000,000 among trade unionists in that city for the American Red Cross and various war relief purposes. The campaign conforms to the national policies of the United Nations Relief Committee of the A.F.L., and the C.I.O. Committee for American and Allied War Relief, and is intended, as elsewhere, to eliminate multiple campaigns in the ranks of organized labor for each separate appeal.

### W. C. Doherty Is Elected An A.F.L. Vice-President

The executive council has elected President William C. Doherty of the National Association of Letter Carriers to the thirteenth vice-presidency of the American Federation of Labor.

The appointee succeeds former Vice-President Edward J. Gainor, who resigned because of ill health, and who also was Doherty's predecessor as head of the letter carriers' organization.



#### **Homey Hints for** Householders

Bacon and eggs scarce in your house? Get out the waffle iron. See Page 18.

A pair of scissors and a screw driver are all you need to fix worn plug cords. See Page 8.

Be kind to your vacuum cleaner. Pick up hairpins, nails and clips by hand. See Page 23.

Break up oleomargarine and allow it to soften before you cream and color it in your electric mixer. See Page 16.

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The Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m., at the Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committee meets every Monday, at 8 p. m. The Organizing Committee meets every Friday, at 7 p. m. The Union Label Section meets the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:30 p. m.

#### Synopsis of Meeting Held Friday, January 29, 1943.

Meeting called to order at 8 p. m. by Vice-President Haggerty.

Roll Call of Officers—All present, except President Shelley, who was excused.

Reading of Minutes—Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed in the LABOR CLARION.

Credentials—Referred to the organizing committee: Lithographers No. 17, Maurits Forslind. Letter Carriers No. 214, Edward G. Bailly, Francis A. Curran, John Daly Sr., Herbert Hamlin, Charles Keller, Philip C. Kelley, Owen McKeon, Don W. Silva. Post Office Clerks No. 2, F. J. Cunneen, Gus Gazzano, Milton Lehman, George Leong, Joseph L. Minaker, Edward Nicolaisen, Bert Seymour, Herman Weirich. Cemetery Employees No. 10634, James Symes, Patrick Healy, James Keane. Cracker Bakers' Auxiliary No. 125, Bertha Del Carlo. Operating Engineers No. 3, Patrick Clancy.

Report of the Organizing Committee—(Meeting held Friday, January 29, 1943.) After proper examination the following were approved by your committee and seated as delegates: Apartment and Hotel Employees No. 14, Harry C. Ray. Bartenders No. 41, George A. Smith. Candy and Glace Fruit Workers No. 158. Helen Keith, Austin Tully, Cemetery Employees No. 10634, James Keane. Chauffeus No. 265, E. Lotti. Civil Service Janitors No. 66-A, Miles Bride, O. R. Mohn. Commission Market Drivers No. 280, A. Patton. Dental Laboratory Technicians No. 99, W. J. Callahan. United Garment Workers No. 131, Nellie Casey, Delia Gordon, Grocery Clerks No. 648, Elsie MacDougall. Milk Wagon Drivers No. 226, Jack D. Sullivan, Musicians No. 6. Eddie T. Burns, James G. Dewey, Elmer M. Hubbard, Clarence H. King, Art Weidner. Office Employees No. 13188, Mitzi Schittl. Pharmacists No. 838, Homer Asselin, Fred V. Butler. Printing Specialties and Paper Converters No. 362, Lee Roy Risdon. Shipfitters and Helpers No. 9, Andrew Chioino, G. B. Hitchcock. San Francisco Federation of Teachers No.

61, Lillian Shames. Upholsterers No. 28, Mart Harris. Warehousemen No. 860, Ray Johnson, Richard Kahman, Edwin Krug, Mark J. O'Reilly, Thomas P. White, Clark Williams, Robert Hincke.

Donations: The following contributions were received for the San Francisco War Chest: United Garment Workers No. 131, \$10 (third installment); Newspaper and Periodical Drivers No. 921, \$71.50 (which brings their total donations to \$574 to date): Metal Polishers and Platers No. 128, \$446.30; Coopers No. 65. \$13.50. The following contributions were received for the United Seamen's Service, Inc., Printing Specialties and Paper Converters No. 362, \$25; Street Carmen, Division 1004, \$100; Steamfitters and Helpers No. 590, \$250; Elevator Operators and Starters No. 117, \$25; Beauticians No. 12, \$50; Shipfitters and Helpers No. 9, \$50: Production and Aeronautical Lodge 1327, \$25; Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmen No. 410, \$10. The following contributions were received for the Infantile Paralysis Fund: Bookbinders and Bindery Women No. 31-125, \$10; Automobile Painters No. 1073, \$5; Laundry and Cleaning Drivers No. 256, \$25; United Garment Workers No. 131. \$20: Street Carmen, Division 1004, \$50: Cooks. Pastry Cooks and Assistants No. 44, \$50; Shipfitters and Helpers No. 9, \$25; Casket Workers No. 94, \$15; Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmen No. 410, \$10; Bookbinders and Bindery Women No. 31-125, \$10; Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 90, \$25.

Communications—Filed: Card of thanks from the family of the late Walter G. Mathewson. Minutes of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council dated January 21, 1943. Electrical Workers No. B-1245, inclosing communication relative to the operation of electrically driven cranes for shop and factory purposes. Sausage Makers No. 203, inclosing balance of their per capita.

Bills were read and ordered paid, after being approved by the trustees.

Request Complied With: Communication from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, quoting the text of an address made by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, stating that the executive council of the American Federation of Labor adopted a resolution calling upon all unions affiliated to urge their members to contribute to this campaign. Motion that this request be complied with; carried.

Referred to the Secretary: Communication from the Industrial Accident Commission announcing a hearing to be held Monday, February 15, 1943, at 10 a.m., in Room 147, State building, San Francisco, regarding an increase in the fees charged by physicians in the State of California performing industrial work.

Referred to the Executive Committee: Leather and Novelty Workers No. 31, asking that the Council assist them in negotiating a contract with Keyston Bros. Manufacturing Company; also the Degen Belting Company.

Resolution: A resolution was introduced, signed by J. Vernon Burke, president, and Clyde E. Bowen, secretary, of Web Pressmen No. 4, requesting the President of the United States to take such action as is necessary to cause the Labor Relations Board to dismiss the petition involving the Kaiser Shipbuilding Corporation; and, that the San Francisco Labor Council use its influence to cause this dispute to be submitted to the new peace committee set up by the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations. Motion, that the Council

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adopt the resolution and forward it to all affiliated unions, with the request that they do likewise; amendment to the motion that the resolution be referred to the executive committee for investigation and report; a lengthy discussion regarding the resolution followed, and the question having been called for the amendment was carried.

Report of the Executive Committee-(Meeting held Monday evening, January 25, 1943.) In the matter of the resolution introduced by several delegates to the Council, wherein they request an indosement for the rehabilitation of the American Labor Citizen; present on behalf of the resolution were Brothers St. Peter, Jinkerson and Goldberger; in opposition, Brothers Sullivan, Otto and Wormuth. Mr. Vidaver, the former editor of the American Labor Citizen, and Mr. Mappin, editor of the LABOR CLARION, also were present. Statements were made that the American Federation of Labor requests a revival of the paper, which had discontinued publication. Your committee recommends that a letter be sent to President Green to get information from him as to how much assistance would be given by the American Federation of Labor to re-establish the American Labor Citizen, and that a committee of three be appointed from the executive committee to meet with the LABOR CLARION directors for the purpose of suggesting betterments that might be brought about, and that all the affiliated unions be requested to lend assistance to the official paper of the Council in every way possible. In the matter of the statement of the Metal Trades, following the addresses of Brothers MacGowan and Frey, the secretary was instructed to send a letter to all affiliated unions of the Council to notify their congressmen and senators to support the Metal Trades in preserving their agreements and other conditions in all their contracts in the shipyards on the Pacific Coast. It was reported by the representative of Electrical Workers No. B-202 that their disagreement with M. A. Pollard, 721 Larkin street, had been settled; your committee recommends that this communication be filed. The dispute of Operating Engineers No. 64 with the Universal Rubber Company was referred to the secretary to bring both parties together to bring about an adjustment. In the matter of Grocery Clerks No. 648, requesting strike sanction against the Tavern Bakery, 1938 Ocean avenue, the basis of this complaint is the employment of two non-union people; your committee recommends that strike sanction be granted. In the matter of the College Market, this will be held in committee at the suggestion of the Grocery Clerks' Union. In the matter of the complaint of Hotel Service Workers No. 283 against the Netherland and American hotels; in both instances employers failed to put in an appearance although notified several times to be present; the basis of these complaints is that there is no agreement and the scale of the organization has not been met; your committee recommends that strike sanction be granted against both places. The report of the committee as a whole was concurred in.

The chair declared a recess, awaiting the report of the election committee, which was composed of the following delegates: Chairman, A. C. Armstrong; judges, Carl Barnes, Anthony Cancilla; tellers, Emmett Campion, Frank Fehr, J. Milton Ford, George Hardy, Hazel O'Brien, Maurice Savin. The secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for nominees for all uncontested offices.

Report of the election committee was submitted, and the following, having received the highest number of votes, were declared elected members of the executive committee: J. E. Byrnes, Anthony Costa, Jack Depo, S. W. Douglas, M. Finkenbinder, D. P. Haggerty, G. W. Johns, G. Kelly, C. T. McDonough,

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The secretary cast one ballot for the nominees for all of the uncontested offices, who were then declared elected, and are as follows: President, John F. Shelley. Vice-President, Daniel P. Haggerty. Secretary-Treasurer, John A. O'Connell. Sergeant-at-Arms, George Kelly. Trustees, Jack Andersen, John Coughlan, William Walsh. Law and Legislative Committee, Art Dougherty, P. Z. Hays, Charles Kindell, Clarence King, Ernest Lotti, Jack Spalding, Clarence Walsh. Organizing Committee, Anthony Ballerini, Sylvio Giannini, Harold Lopez, William Perry, Joseph Piccini, Harry Ritchie, Thomas Rotell, Agnes Tuoto, Thomas White. Directors of Hall Association, S. W. Douglas, John A. O'Connell, Daniel C. Murphy. Directors of Labor Clarion, John A. O'Connell, Walter Otto, Edward Sullivan, Fred Wettstein, Martin Wormuth.

Receipts, \$1125.12; disbursements, \$417.72.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p. m. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

### Welch Blasts Maritime Commission

A press report last Tuesday stated that Representative Richard J. Welch of San Francisco denounced the U.S. Maritime Commission as incompetent and extravagant in a speech in the House and that at his request the text of a report by the House merchant marine committee on its investigation of the South Portland (Me.) Shipbuilding Corp. was included in the Congressional Record, together with a minority report from Representative Welch going farther than other members in condemning the contract between this company and the commission. He was quoted as declaring: "The taxpayers of this country have a right to know and should know of the incompetence and extravagance of the Maritime Commission" said Mr. Welch.

#### Proposal on Tax Payments

The Treasury Department proposed to Congress last Wednesday that tax deductions from pay checks start not later than July 1 and that the whole tax structure be placed on a "pay-as-you-go" basis, but flatly opposed "forgiving" a year's taxes as proposed by Beardsley Ruml, New York economist.

The Treasury's suggestions were made by Randolph Paul, general counsel, to the House ways and means committee as it opened hearings on taxation

"Collection at the source should certainly not begin later than July 1 of this year," Paul said. He proposed that approximately the first 19 per cent of the tax liability be deducted from pay checks, with "allowances" for regular tax exemptions to ease the

Allowances suggested by Paul were \$11 a week for single persons, \$26 for a married couple, and \$8 additional for each dependent.

Thus, if a single man's taxes amounted to \$15 a week the actual deduction from his pay check would be that sum less \$11, or \$4.

Paul flatly opposed skipping a year's taxes as proposed by Ruml, the press dispatches stated.

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#### MASS KIDNAPPING OF CZECH CHILDREN

The Moscow radio quoted a Geneva report saving that apart from calling up five Czech age groups for work in the Reich, Czech youths from 11 to 14 must be put into "educational" camps in Germany. Two of these camps are now already in preparation.

#### TEACHERS FORM NEW LOCALS

One of the most successful organizing periods in the history of the American Federation of Teachers is reported by Secretary-Treasurer Kuenzli for the three months since August, 1942. Ten new locals were chartered, in contrast with none at all in the same period a vear earlier.

#### Oppose Wage-Hour Act Repeal

The American Federation of Labor executive council is determined to oppose any attempts of the Seventy-eighth Congress to modify or repeal the Wage-Hour Act.

"Any proposals that are made to lengthen the 40hour work week are designed merely to reduce wages," President William Green charged. He added that proposals to repeal the Act did not stem from a desire to increase production.

### Musicians' Case Taken to **Highest Court by Arnold**

Thurman Arnold, Assistant Attorney General, has carried to the Supreme Court his attempt to restrain President James C. Petrillo of the American Federation of Musicians and the union from enforcing an order forbidding members to make recordings for radio and other commercial use.

Arnold, in charge of anti-trust law enforcement, sought a review of the dismissal of his complaint by the Federal District Court at Chicago.

At the same time Joseph A. Padway, Federation attorney, asked the Supreme Court to affirm the decision of the district court, which he said was "clearly without error.'

The District Court dismissed the case on the grounds that it involved a labor dispute concerning terms and conditions of employment and that an injunction under such circumstances was barred by federal legislation.

### A.F.L. Paid Membership Close to Six Million Mark

Secretary-Treasurer George Meany reported to the executive council at its mid-winter meeting that the total dues-paid membership in the American Federation of Labor reached an all-time high of 5,954,434 at the close of last month.

This makes the American Federation of Labor the largest trade union organization in the world and represents a gain of 1,059,691 members in the twelve months since December 31, 1941, when the AFL membership stood at 4.894.743.

The gain since the last reported membership at the end of the Federation's fiscal year on August 31, 1942, was 471,853 new members.

Further comparisons show that the AFL has more than doubled its membership since 1937, when the organizations that went over to the CIO were dropped from the Federation's rolls. The AFL's dues-paid membership gains since that time total 3,093,501.

Secretary Meany emphasized the fact that the alltime high membership which he announced is not a claimed or estimated membership, but an official figure based on per capita dues payments appearing on the Federation's books, which are audited periodically. The figures are included in the Federation's financial reports, which are available in public libraries all over the country.

The membership total, Meany further pointed out, does not include a considerable floating and unemployed membership, plus several hundred thousand union workers in the armed forces of the nation who are excused from paying dues during their period of service.

The executive council expressed its approval of the progress shown in the membership report, but directed that the Federation's organizing activities be continued at full momentum in order to bring the benefits of unionism to millions of American workers who are still unorganized.

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### "We Don't Patronize" List

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Adam Hat Stores, Inc., 119 Kearny. Advance Pattern Company, 552 Mission. American Distributing Company. Austin Studio, 833 Market. Avenue Hotel, 419 Golden Gate. Becker Distributing Company.
Bruener, John, Company.
B & G Sandwich Shops.
California Watch Case Company.
Chan Quong, photo engraver, 680 Clay.

Curtis Publishing Co. (Philadelphia), publishers of Saturday Evening Post, Ladies' Home Journal, Country Gentleman.

Desenfant, A., & Co., manufacturing jewelers, 150 Post.

Doran Hotels (include St. Regis, 85 Fourth St.; Mint, 141 Fifth St.; Hale, 939 Mission St.; Land, 936 Mission St.; Hillsdale, 51 Sixth St.; Grand Central, 1412 Market St., and the Ford Apartments, 957 Mission St.).

Drake Cleaners and Dyers.
Forderer Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.
Gantner & Mattern, 1453 Mission.
Gates Rubber Company, 2700 Sixteenth Street.
General Distillers, Ltd., 136 Front St.

Goldstone Bros., manufacturers of overalls and workingmen's clothing.

Lucerne Apartments, 766 Sutter. Mirsky, B., & Son, wholesale cigars and tobaccos, 468 Third St.

M. R. C. Roller Bearing Company, 550 Polk. National Beauty Salon, 207 Powell. Navalet Seed Company, 423 Market. O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co. Products, Los Angeles.

Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.
Purity Springs Water Company, 2050 Kearny.
Remington-Rand, Inc., 509 Market.
Romaine Photo Studio, 220 Jones. Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny. Sealey Mattress Company, 6699 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland.

Oakland.
Sherwin-Williams Paint Company.
Sloane, W. & J.
Smith, L. C., Typewriter Company, 545 Market.
Speed-E Menu Service, 693 Mission.
Standard Oil Company.
Stanford University Hospital, Clay and Webster.
Sutro Baths and Skating Rink.
Swift & Co.

Swift & Co.

Time and Life (magazines), products of the unfair

Donnelley firm (Chicago)
Underwood Typewriter Company, 531 Market.
Val Vita Food Products, Inc., Fullerton, Calif.
Wooldridge Tractor Equipment Company, Sunnyvale, California.

All non-union independent taxicabs.

Barber Shops that do not display the shop card of the Journeymen Barbers' Union are unfair.

Beauty Shops that do not display the shop card of the Hairdressers and Cosmetologists' Depart-ment of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America are unfair.

Cleaning establishments that do not display the shop card of Retail Cleaners' Union No. 93 are unfair.

Locksmith Shops which do not display the union shop card of Federated Locksmiths No. 1331

#### Dean Morse on Unions

"Lawyers must recognize that the labor movement is a social force which cannot be enjoined or legislated out of existence," Wayne L. Morse, member of the National War Labor Board, declared at a meeting of the Chicago Bar Association recently. and at which he expressed his faith in unions.

"So long as unionism represents the operation of the basic principles of democracy," Morse continued. "it will survive and exert a constructive influence upon the course of national events. If the time ever comes when unionism as a movement loses its ideals and becomes merely a tool to forward the ambitions and fortunes of a few little men, then unions will be deserving of the criticism now leveled at them.

"I believe, however, that the American labor movement has not lost faith and its policies are in keeping with democratic traditions. No better proof can be presented than to point at labor's record during this war.

Morse, who also is dean of the University of Oregon Law School, promised that new regional boards now being set up would speed N.W.L.B. de-

#### WARNING TO MOTORISTS

San Francisco motorists who approach an intersection and find large white crosses painted on the street at either side of the intersection-and see a blue street light-and observe a white sign reading "Dim Out"-will recognize that they are entering the area of restricted lighting and should dim their headlights accordingly. This three-way method of warning the public has now been placed in effect at all points entering the western half of the city, which is under military restrictions regulating automobile and other lights.

#### Indict Lynch-Mob Suspects

For the first time since 1903 and for the third time only in its history the Department of Justice has obtained a federal grand jury indictment against lynch-mob suspects. The indictment was returned against four private citizens and a deputy sheriff, all of Jones county, Miss., charged with violation of the federal civil rights statutes in the lynching of Laurel Wash, Negro, last October.

The deputy sheriff who was serving as county jailer was charged with depriving Wash of his constitutional rights in refusing to protect him by locking a "mob-proof" steel door, delivering him up instead to the mob. The others are accused of conspiracy to cause a state official to deprive Wash of his life without due process of law, to deny him equal protection of the law, and to inflict upon him "unusual and different punishment" because of his race and

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American Federation of Government Employees No. 51—James Cullen, Sec., Room 217 Custom House.
American Federation of Government Employees, Lodge No. 634—W. W. Garrett. Treas., 33 Federal Office Bidg., San Francisco.

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merican Fed. Radio Artists—S. F. Local.
26 O'Farrell St. Meets 1st Friday each
month at 2 p. m.
merican Guild of Actors and Variety
Artists—26 O'Farrell.
partment and Hotel Employees No. 14—
Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 8 p. m.,
244 Golden Gate Ave.
utomobile Drivers and Demonstrators No.
960—108 Valencia.
uto Mechanics No. 1306—Meets Wednes-

960—108 Valencia. Auto Mechanics No. 1305—Meets Wednes-days, 8 p. m., 108 Valencia. Auto Painters No. 1073—200 Guerrero. Automotive Warchousemen No. 241—108

Automotive Warehouseman Valencia.

Bakers No. 24—Meets 1st Tuesday and 3rd Saturday. Labor Temple.

Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 484—Meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 112 Valencia.

Barbers No. 148—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays. 112 Valencia.

Bartenders No. 41—1623½ Market, MA. 1016.

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Beauticians' Union No. 12—Flood Bldg..

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Bill Posters and Billers No. 44—240 Golden Gate Ave. Meets at Redmen's Hall.

Blacksmiths and Helpers No. 168—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Labor Temple.

Bollermakers No. 6—Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, 155 Tenth St.

Bookbinders and Bindery Women No. 31-125—Room 505. 693 Mission. 3rd Friday, Labor Temple.

Boot and Shoe Repairers No. 320—824 Brussels. Meets 3rd Tuesday, Labor Temple.

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oot and Shoe Workers No. 216—1130
Treat Ave. Meets 1st Monday, Labor

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Bridge and Structural Iron Workers No. 377—200 Guerrero.
Bridge and Structural Iron Workers No. 491—200 Guerrero.
Building Service Employees No. 87—Meets 1st Monday, 9:30 a.m.; 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., 109 Golden Gate Ave.
Building Material Drivers No. 216—Meets Wednesdays, 200 Guerrero.
Butchers No. 115—Meets at 3012 Sixteenth St.
Butchers No. 508—4442 Third. Meets 3rd Thursday, Labor Temple.
California State Laborers & Utility Workers No. 1226—Fred Kracke, Sec., 730 Thirty-seventh Ave.
Candy and Glace Fruit Workers No. 158—Meets 4th Monday, Labor Temple.
Cannery Workers No. 21106—Mr. Cortesi, Bus. Agent. Room 310, Labor Temple.
HE. 2926. Meets 1st Thursday, Labor Temple.

Temple.
Capmakers No. 9—46 Kearny.
Carpenters No. 483—Meets Mondays, 112
Valencia.

Rep., 210 Steiner. Meets 1st Tuesday, Labor Temple.

Cometary Employees No. 10634—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 2929 Sixteenth St.

Chauffeurs No. 265—Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 106 Valencia.

Circular Distributors No. B B 11—L. H.

Gilmour, Sec., 322 Prague St. EL. 1880.

(Affiliated with the Bill Posters' Union.)

Civil Service Building and Maintenance Employees No. 66—Meets 3rd Thursday.

Labor Temple.

Cleaning and Dye House Workers No. 7—

Labor Temple, Room 1. Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple, Room 1. Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple.

Cloakmakers No. 8—345 Mason.

Commission Market Drivers and Helpers No. 280—310 Clay.
Construction and Common Laborers No. 261—200 Guerrero.
Cooks No. 44—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays, at 2:30 p. m., 827 Hyde.
Coopers No. 65—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Labor Temple.
Cracker Bakers No. 125—610 Sixteenth St., Pacific Bldg., Oakland. Meets 3rd Monday, Labor Temple.
Cracker Packers No. 125—610 Sixteenth St., Pacific Bldg., Oakland.
Dairy and Creamery Employees No. 304—Meets 2nd Friday. Labor Temple.
Dental Laboratory Technicians No. 99—Meets 1st Wednesday, 228 McAllister St. Dressmakers No. 101—345 Mason.
Dry Dock, Marine Waysmen, Stageriggers and Helpers No. 2116—Labor Temple. Meets 4th Monday at Labor Temple, San Francisco. Meets 2nd Monday at Carpenters' Hall, 763 Twelfth St., Oakland.
Electrical Wkrs. No. B-1245—910 Central Tower.

Tower.

Electrical Workers No. 6—Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 200 Guerrero.

Electrical and Radio Workers B-202—229 Valencia.

Valencia.

Elevator Constructors No. 8—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 200 Guerrero.

Elevator Operators and Starters No. 117—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 109 Golden Gate Ave.

Federation of Teachers No. 61—Sophia Peterson, Fin. Sec.. 1267 Ellis.

Film and Poster Exchange Employees No. B-17—230 Jones.

Firemen and Ollers No. 88—Meets 1st.

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Firemen and Ollers No. 86—Meets 1st
Tuesday, Labor Templo.
Fish Cannery Workers No. 21365—Agnes
Tuoto, Sec. 534 Jerrold Ave.; office, 400
Brannan St., Rm. 2.
Furniture Guild, Master, No. 1285—Room
416, 1095 Market.
Furniture Workers No. 1541—200 Guerrero.

arage Employees No. 665—Meets 4th Monday, 106 Valencia.

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Garment Cutters, United, No. 45—Meets
2nd and 4th Fridays, Labor Temple.

Garment Workers, United, No. 131—Meets
1st Thursday at 5:15 p. m.; 3rd Thursday, 8 p. m., Labor Temple.

Glass Bottle Blowers Assoc. of U. S. and
Canada, Branch No. 141—2111 Webster
St., Oakland.

Grocery Clerks No. 648—Room 507, 1095
Market.

Hatters No. 31—46 Kearny.

Horticulturists and Floriculturists No.

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Horticulturists and Floriculturists No. 21245—Labor Temple. Meets 2d Thursday, Labor Temple.

Hospital and Institutional Workers No. 250—Meets 1st Wednesday, 8 p. m., Labor Temple. HE. 8966.

Hotel Service Workers No. 283—61 Eddy.

Loc Waron Drivers and Helpers No. 519—

Hotel Service Workers No. 283—61 Eddy. Ice Wagon Drivers and Helpers No. 519—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Labor Temple. Louis Brunner, Sec., 905 Vermont. Janitors No. 9—Meets 3rd Tuesday, 109 Golden Gate Ave.

Jewelry Workers No. 36—942 Market, Room 709.

Jitney Drivers and Helpers No. 539—5171 Mission.

Ladies' Garment Cutters No. 213—345 Mason.

Mason.

Laundry Drivers No. 256—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, Labor Temple. Office, 3004 Sixteenth St., Room 313.

Laundry Workers No. 26—Meets 3rd Monday, Labor Temple.

Leather and Novelty Workers No. 31—Labor Temple, Room 311, 3rd Wednesday.

Letter Carriers No. 214—Meets 2nd Friday.
Y. M. I. Bldg., 50 Oak St.
Lithographers No. 17—693 Mission.
Locksmiths No. 1331—Bruce Rowe, Rec.
Sec., 697 Mission.
Lumber Clerks and Lumber Handlers No.
2559—400 Brannan.
Macaroni Workers No. 493—Meets 4th Friday, Labor Temple.
Machinists No. 68—Meets Wednesdays, Labor Temple.
Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 40—Room
22. Ferry Bldg.
Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 89—Bulkhead Pier No. 7, Embarcadero.
Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 90—60 Main
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Metal Polishers and Platers No. 128—Rm.
4, Labor Temple, MA. 1414. 3rd Thursday, Labor Temple, MS. 1414. 3rd Thursday, Labor Temple, Milk Wagon Drivers No. 226—Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Labor Temple,
Millinery Workers No. 40—Meets 1st Thursday, 5:30 p. m.; 3rd Thursday, 8 p. m.,
46 Kearny.
Miscellaneous Employees No. 110—83 Sixth
St., cor. Jessie, Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 3 p. m., and 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 3 p. m., and 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 8 p. m., and 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 8 p. m.
Molders No. 164—Meets 1st and 3d Tuesdays, Labor Temple.
Motion Picture Projectionists No. 162—Meets 1st Thursday, 230 Jones.
Motor Coach Employees, Division 1225—Chronicle Bldg., Rm. 210, DO. 7223.
Municipal Park Employees No. 311—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, Building Trades Temple, P. A. Conroy, Cor. Sec., 240
Gates St., MI. 3675.
Musicians No. 6—Meets 2nd Thursday; Executive Board, Tuesday, 230 Jones.
Newspaper and Periodical Drivers No. 921—109 Golden Gate Ave. UN. 3361.
Newspaper and Periodical Vendors and Distributors No. 468—172 Golden Gate Ave. OR. 4171.
Office Employees No. 13188—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Labor Temple, Minnette Fitzgerald, Sec., TU. 6340.
Office Employees No. 21320—Room 325, 1182 Market, Tu. 6340.
Operating Engineers (Hoisting and Portable), No. 3—1095 Market, HE. 1568.
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Oprating Engineers (Hoisting and Portable), No. 3—1095 Market, HE. 1568.
Oprating Engineers (Hoisting and Portable), No. 3—60 Meets No. 18791—Frank Higdon, Sec., 366 Post.
Ornamental Iron Workers No. 472—200
Guerrero.
Packers and Preserve Workers No. 20989—1182 Market, Room 206, Meets last Fri

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1182 Market, Room 206. Meets last Friday, Labor Temple.

Painters No. 19—200 Guerrero.
Painters No. 1158—112 Valencia.

Paint, Varnish and Lacquer Makers No. 1071—Jack Robinson, Jr., 31 Lamartine St.

St.

Patternmakers—Meets 1st Thursday, Labor Temple.

Pharmacists No. 838—Room 407, 1095
Market. HE. 1450.

Photo Engravers No. 8—Meets 1st Friday.

Office 320 Market.

Plumbers No. 442—200 Guerrero.

Post Office Clerks No. 2—Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple.

Practical Nurses and Matrons' Association
No. 267—109 Golden Gate. HE. 8364.

Printing Pressmen No. 24—Office, 630 Sacramento. Meets 2nd Monday, Labor Temple.

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Printing Specialties and Paper Converters
No. 362—693 Mission.
Production and Aeronautical Lodge 1327—
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Labor

Temple.

Professional Embalmers No. 9049—William J. Williams. Sec., 2445 Vicente. Meets 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple.

Retail Cigar and Liquor Clerks No. 1089—1182 Market St.

Retail Cleaners No. 93—F. B. Nicholas, Sec., 4057 Twenty-fourth St. Retail Delivery Drivers No. 278—Meets 1st Thursday, Labor Temple.

Retail Department Store Clerks No. 1100— Moose Hall, 1621 Market. UN. 7424.

Retail Fruit and Vegetable Clerks No. 1017—1182 Market. Meets 2nd Wednesday, Labor Temple.

Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmen No. 410—Room 467, 870 Market. Flood Bldg. Meets Tuesdays at Redmen's Hall, 240 Golden Gate Ave.

Sailors' Union of the Pacific—59 Clay.

Sanitary Truck Drivers and Helpers No. 350—Room 2, Labor Temple. Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple. Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple.

S. F. and East Bay Ink and Roller Makers No. 5—C. R. Barrett, Rec. Sec., 4817 Proctor Ave., Oakland.

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S. F. Welders' Lodge No. 1330—1179 Market.

Sausagemakers No. 203—Meets at 3053 Sixteenth St. Thursdays.

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Sheet Metal Workers No. 104—Meets Fridays, 224 Guerrero.

Ship Fitters No. 9—3052 Sixteenth St. Meets 4th Wednesday, Labor Temple.

Sign and Pictorial Painters No. 510—200 Guerrero.

Steam Fitters No. 509—200 Guerrero. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Building Trades Temple.

Steam Fitters and Helpers No. 590—Room 316, Labor Temple, HE, 8707. Meets Labor Temple, Ist and 3rd Fridays.

Stereotypers and Electrotypers No. 29—Meets 3rd Sunday, Labor Temple.

Stove Mounters No. 65—J. D. Roberts, Sec., 38 Athens.

Street Carmen, Division 518—Office, Rm., 311 Marshall Square Bldg., 1182 Market St.

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Street Carmen, Division 1004—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, Labor Temple, Office, Rm. 307-308 Marshall Square Bldg., 1182 Market St.

Street Carmen, Division 192—3865 Adeline St., Oakland,
Teamsters No. 85—Meets Thursdays, 536 Bryant.

Technical Engineers No. 11—John Coghlan, 70 Lennox Way, Meets 1st Wednesday, Labor Temple.

Technical Engineers, Architects and Draftsmen No. 89—L. S. Armstrong, Sec., 200 Guerrero, Jack W. Conway, Bus. Rep., 1727 Franklin St., Oakland, TWinoaks 4506.

Theatrical Employees No. B-18—230 Jones, Theatrical Employees No. 16—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 230 Jones.
Tobacco Workers No., 210—Meets 1st Tuesday, Labor Temple.

Tool and Die Makers' Lodge No. 1176—Frank Uher, Rec, Sec., 670 Eighteenth St., Oakland, Higate 1873.

Union Label Section—Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday, Labor Temple. MA. 0610.

Upholsterers No. 28—Meets 1st Monday, Labor Temple.

Waiters No. 30—1040 Geary St. Meets every Wednesday at 3 p. m.

Waitresses No. 48—Office, 440 Ellis St., OR, 6713, Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 8:30 p. m.; 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 8:30 p. m., Native Sons' Hall.

Warchousemen No. 860—400 Brannan, GA. 1074.

Watchmakers No. 101—942 Market, Room 709.

Watchmakers No. 102—942 Market, Room 709.

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709.
Water Workers No. 401—Meets 3rd Monday, Labor Temple.
Web Pressmen No. 4—Meets 4th Sunday, Labor Temple.
Wholesale Liquor Drivers and Salesmen No. 109—Room 503, 323 Geary. GA. 7310.
Window Cleaners No. 44—1119 Mission.

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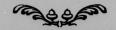
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